



# Agenda & minutes

Full Council meeting of  
Tuesday, 18 July 2023

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# *Portsmouth City Council*

AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the Council Chamber - The Guildhall on Tuesday, 18 July 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:-

## *Agenda*

- 1 Declaration of Members' Interests**
- 2 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 16 May 2023 and the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 20 June 2023 (Pages 17 - 44)**
- 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 17 July 2023 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 (none received)**
- 6 Appointments**  
Planning Committee - addition to Conservative Group appointments  
  
Councillor Matthew Atkins to be a Standing Deputy on the Planning 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**
- 8 Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement (Pages 45 - 66)**  
  
To receive and consider the attached report and recommendation to note for information only from Cabinet held on 27 June 2023.

**9 Queen Alexandra (QA) Hospital Emergency Department Support**  
(Pages 67 - 84)

To receive and consider the attached report and recommendations from Cabinet held on 27 June 2023.

**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.

**10 Notices of Motion**

**(a) Neighbourhood Policing Matters**

Proposed by Councillor Lee Hunt  
Seconded by Councillor Darren Sanders

This Council notes the allocation of funding for each policing area is worked out using a formula. At present Hampshire and IoW Constabulary serving Portsmouth, is disadvantaged by this formula and it has been calculated that as a result the force is underfunded by £41.6 million a year compared to the national average.

Furthermore this Council notes in 2019 the Chief Constable and the Police & Crime Commissioner wrote to the Government demanding more funding pointing out Hampshire and IoW Constabulary receives a quarter less funding than is needed.

Hampshire and IoW Police Federation commenting on the 'England and Wales Pay and Morale' survey state: Hampshire and IoW is underfunded by £43 million and that its members say morale is low.

This Council regrets that successive Police & Crime Commissioners have closed Police counters across Portsmouth including Southsea, North End, Cosham and City Central and notes the only public counter is now on the Airport Industrial Estate with no public transport, so out of reach unless you have a car or can cycle there.

This Council notes in January 2021 the Chief Constable and Police & Crime Commissioner argued for and secured an increase in the police precept levied on local homes of 7.1% to "take the fight to criminals and those blighting our neighbourhoods with anti-social behaviour."

This Council notes that at the recent Police & Crime Panel they approved a rise of 6.34% sought by the current Police & Crime Commissioner arguing similar reasons as the 2021 needs.

This Council is concerned that, despite ongoing police precept increases, at police/public meetings across Portsmouth residents

describe how nothing seems to have changed, how they are kept waiting on 101; that reports of crime and anti-social behaviour in their neighbourhoods are not investigated. Hampshire and IoW Constabulary publicly admit they prioritise 'High Harm' and 'County Lines' offences.

This Council welcomes and supports police investigation of High Harm and County Lines crimes and continues to invest in citywide safeguarding cameras to help prevent and detect crime in partnership with city police. Furthermore the Council notes the creation of a new permanent post in the current budget of a specialised Anti-Social Behaviour officer.

This Council supports Hampshire Police Federation, the Chief Constable and the Police & Crime Commissioner's calls for fair funding for Hampshire and IoW Constabulary.

However this Council is concerned crime and anti-social behaviour is overwhelming our local Neighbourhood Police Teams, and that residents report neighbourhood crimes and anti-social behaviour are not being properly investigated if at all.

Therefore the Council invites the Police & Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable to a future meeting of this Council to inform us about:

- (i) the current state of recruitment and retention of Police, staff and PCSOs, especially how many extra Police each part of our city will be getting;
- (ii) how Neighbourhood policing will be improved. This should be through extra neighbourhood Police officers that reflect local people's priorities;
- (iii) how 101 will be improved; and
- (iv) how they will open accessible police public contact counters in the accessible locations in the north and south of Portsmouth.

(b) **Save Portsmouth Stroke Recovery Service**

Proposed by Councillor Graham Heaney  
Seconded by Councillor Charlotte Gerada

**Full Council notes:**

- In the UK there are over 1.2 million stroke survivors. [1]  
Stroke can impact anyone, at any age and at any time and is the fourth biggest killer in the UK. [2]
- Portsmouth City Council has funded a Stroke Recovery Service, delivered by the Stroke Association for 14 years.

- Portsmouth stroke survivors and their families have raised concerns about the planned closure of the Portsmouth Stroke Recovery Service, which was announced in April 2023 for closure in June 2023.
- A short temporary extension was put in place in May 2023 by Portsmouth City Council to continue the service until the end of December 2023.
- A campaign and a petition started by a local young stroke survivor to save the recovery service on change.org has been signed by over 1,100 residents. [3]
- The service provides support to survivors and their families. Offering emotional and well-being support, as well as signposting to services and linking access to vital services. [4]
- These services are not only used by the survivors, but their families and caregivers are users too. They provide a support service which is not found elsewhere (such as the NHS) for stroke survivors.
- In the budget consultation research 2023-24 published by Portsmouth City Council about prioritising pandemic recovery it states:
  - ‘Improving health and care for our local communities’ is by far the top priority identified by respondents - over half (54%) would like the council to focus on this area for recovery from the pandemic. [5]
  - Each postcode district selected ‘improving health and care for our local communities’ as their top recovery priority – this corresponds with the full sample level where it is by far the most common priority. [6]
- This service is a lifeline to many and often the only ongoing support available once a patient has been discharged from the community stroke rehabilitation team (NHS) as well as the survivors' families seeking supporting family members with their ongoing recovery.

**Full Council believes:**

- Portsmouth residents should receive adequate support and access to vital services after a critical illness.
- Portsmouth City Council must do all it can to ensure residents have access to services that support and give

every survivor the best possible chance of recovery.

- It is a priority of the council, Integrated Care Systems and the NHS to engage in more preventative work at the community-level to prevent further health issues and illness.
- Being proactive in engaging stroke survivors in rehabilitation activities, helps to reduce the chances of further strokes and other critical illnesses. This could save healthcare and other services money in the long-term and helps to improve quality of life for stroke survivors, their carers and families.

### **Full Council Resolves:**

- (i) To request that Portsmouth City Council extends the funding for the Portsmouth Stroke Recovery Service for the next 5 years;
- (ii) To invite Portsmouth City Council to further investigate and fully understand what the service provides Stroke survivors and their families as the programme is not something that can be found in other services or the NHS; and
- (iii) Request that Portsmouth City Council reviews budgets and considers the wider financial, economic, social and well being impact closing the service would have on other local services such as mental health, social housing and adult social care.

### References

[1] Stroke Association data and statistics: <https://www.stroke.org.uk/what-is-stroke/stroke-statistics#:~:text=Key%20statistics%3A&text=100%2C000%20people%20have%20strokes%20each,stroke%20survivors%20in%20the%20UK>

[2] Brain Research UK statistics

[3] Change.org petition: <https://www.change.org/p/save-the-portsmouth-stroke-recovery-service>

[4] Portsmouth City Council Budget consultation research 2023-24: <https://yourcityyoursay.portsmouth.gov.uk/budget-consultation-research-2023-24/>

[5] As above.

(c) **Continuing Support of Portsmouth Pride**

Proposed by Cllr George Fielding

Seconded by Cllr Mary Vallely

**Full Council notes:**

- Pride is a political movement about the inclusivity of a marginalised community. While there have been improvements in LGBT+ rights with significant changes both in legislation and policy for LGBT+ people, these protections are currently under threat by potential changes to the Equality Act 2010. [1]
- There has been a sharp increase in hate crime towards LGBT+ people and in particular towards the trans community in recent years. This is having a significant impact on public safety and while the numbers of reported crime are increasing, it's still not possible to quantify the full extent of hate crimes that exist.
- Reports of homophobic hate crimes in England more than doubled in five years, from 10,003 in 2016-17 to 26,824 in 2021-22. [2] Transphobic hate crimes increased by 240% from 1,292 reports in 2016-17 to 4,399 five years later. [3]
- Within Portsmouth there has been growing visibility for the LGBT+ community. This has been demonstrated by the increased attendance at Portsmouth Pride's main day event. In 2017 an estimated 500 attended Portsmouth Pride, compared with 2023 where an estimated 30,000 attended. This increase in attendance is largely down to the community outreach work Portsmouth Pride volunteers has undertaken between 2022-23.
- In South Hampshire, there are five Pride events and Portsmouth Pride is the only large-scale event that is free and unfenced. It's a volunteer-led charity and only operates due to the passion and drive of the volunteers who give up their time to run the event, while ensuring the event reflects the community within Portsmouth.

**Full Council believes:**

- Portsmouth Pride has demonstrated an exponential trend in community engagement, which can offer the ability to quantify the scope of hate crime in Portsmouth towards the



LGBT+ community.

- Portsmouth Pride is one of the most important events in the city's annual calendar. By being free and unfenced it enables increased intersectional inclusivity. It enables those from global majority or religious backgrounds to attend without fear of repercussions from family or their community.
- Portsmouth Pride celebrates the true diversity of LGBT+ culture in our city, as well as championing the voices of the city's trans community.
- By keeping Portsmouth Pride free, the event plays a critical role in enhancing community cohesion - bringing together people from different backgrounds, economic status and identities.
- Portsmouth City Council should play an active role in ensuring the longevity of this important event and enabling the organisers to hold on to its integrity as a community event.

### **Full Council Resolves:**

- (i) To request that Portsmouth City Council through Cabinet, formally commits to making a financial contribution to Portsmouth Pride Trust, as one of their four main partners, for at least the next five years.
- (ii) To request Cabinet explores the possibility of including Portsmouth Pride as a line item in Portsmouth City Council's annual budget, to provide security and consistency for Portsmouth's LGBT+ community.
- (iii) To request that the Leader of the Portsmouth City Council and all Group Leaders write to Portsmouth Pride Trust trustees and volunteers to thank them for their hard work in making Portsmouth a visible destination for LGBT+ people in the South East.

### **References**

[1] The Guardian, 5 April 2023:

<https://www.theguardian.com/law/2023/apr/05/what-would-changing-the-equality-act-mean-for-trans-people-and-single-sex-spaces>

[2] Pink News, 15 August 2022:

<https://www.thepinknews.com/2022/08/15/anti-lgbtq-hate-crime-police-uk/>

[3] As above.

(d) **Improving accessibility in Portsmouth taxis for disabled people**

Proposed by Cllr Charlotte Gerada

Seconded by Cllr Yinka Adeniran

**Full Council notes:**

- (i) Over 1 in 5 people in the UK are disabled. That is over 14 million of us. It is a number that has continued to rise as people are living longer and treatments and technology in healthcare improve.
- (ii) In Portsmouth there are 16,848 people who have a disability or long-term health condition that limits their day-to-day activities a lot. While another 23,088 people have a disability or long-term health condition that limits their day-to-day activities a little. That equates to 19% of people in Portsmouth who have some sort of disability or long-term health condition that meets the definition of disability under the Equality Act 2010.
- (iii) Portsmouth Disability Advisory Group (DAG), established at the end of 2022, is a group of disabled people who are keen to identify and act upon issues of concern for disabled people in Portsmouth.
- (iv) Residents have been in touch with DAG to share their stories of living in Portsmouth as a disabled person. Many people who use wheelchairs or mobility scooters have spoken of their difficulties accessing transport in the city, including taxis.
- (v) Everyday journeys – to work, school, to see family and friends, to access essential services like health and care – are fraught with uncertainty for many disabled people.
- (vi) Although there are taxis operating in the city that can accommodate wheelchairs, and drivers who are willing to assist, these seem to be in limited supply. Accessible taxis do not appear to be as easy to acquire during peak periods such as school runs or at the beginning and end of the evening. As a consequence disabled people, and

wheelchair users in particular, are more disadvantaged than the rest of the city's population in their access to transport.

- (vii) In July 2021 the Government published the National Disability Strategy. This national strategy recognises and builds on the progress that has been made since the Disability Discrimination Act was introduced more than 25 years ago. One of the priorities of the strategy is Transport: improving the accessibility and experience of everyday journeys. The Department for Transport's (DfT) Inclusive Transport Strategy, first published in 2018, has also helped to improve accessibility.
- (viii) Disabled people are frequent users of public transport, particularly taxis and private hire vehicles. Nationally, 99% of buses now meet minimum accessibility standards, but the proportion of wheelchair accessible vehicles is 58% in taxi fleets and 2% for private hire vehicles. Disappointingly, these figures have been falling since 2014.

**Full Council believes:**

- (i) That disability equality should matter to all of us.
- (ii) That disabled people should have equitable access to a good range of transport in Portsmouth.
- (iii) In a social model of disability, recognising that it is society, culture and the nature of social institutions that disables people who have a range of impairments. Impairments include being blind or deaf, having a mobility limitation or a cognitive or neurological difference.
- (iv) The UK's Equality Act 2010 defines a person as 'disabled' if they have a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term negative effect on their ability to do normal daily activities.
- (v) The focus on 'impairment' is challenged by many disabled people, researchers and disability organisations who highlight how disabled people are 'disabled by society' as a consequence of their impairment. A consequence is that disabled people can be unnecessarily isolated and excluded from full participation in society.
- (vi) It is our duty as civic leaders to listen to disabled peoples' ideas and concerns and do our utmost to make

Portsmouth as accessible as possible for all residents.

**Full Council Resolves:**

- (i) To ask the Licensing Committee to commission a review into the level and availability of wheelchair accessible taxis in Portsmouth, such review to be undertaken and reported upon within this municipal year - including its policy that may limit or control the number of hackney carriage vehicle licenses it issues - with the aim of improving licensing policy to increase accessibility in taxis for disabled people;
  - (ii) To ask the Licensing Committee to explore and report upon how it can increase take-up of disability awareness training for taxi drivers in Portsmouth;
  - (iii) To ask Group Leaders to attend a meeting with members of the Portsmouth Disability Advisory Group to find out more about accessibility issues in transport for Portsmouth; and
  - (iv) To ask the Leader to invite members of the Portsmouth Disability Advisory Group to the Transport Liaison Group to improve collaboration between transport providers and disability representatives.
- (e) **Armed Forces and the Cost of Living Crisis**

Proposed by Cllr Yinka Adeniran  
Seconded by Cllr George Fielding

Our armed forces have a long and proud history of service and dedication to this nation. From deployments to NATO's eastern flank to keeping essential services running at home, service personnel continue to serve our country with courage and distinction.

In Portsmouth in particular, we have a strong naval history that is intertwined with the DNA of the city. Much of our city's population is made of service personnel and veterans. In the South East, there are currently over 25,000 serving in the British Army, Royal Navy/Royal Marines, RAF and Tri-service.

Despite their committed service, our armed forces are being let down by the Conservative government. After a decade of real terms pay cuts, the Conservatives' cost of living crisis, and the delay to this year's Armed Forces pay award has led to Service Personnel being forced to use food banks. This is while forces charities and regimental associations continue to provide cost of living grants and

food vouchers to veterans and their families.

Service personnel have become routinely called upon to cover for a lack of resilience across the public sector and to provide cover for some essential services during industrial action. They do this in the dedicated and professional way we would expect from our forces. Without a right to strike it is the moral duty of their leaders to uphold the Armed Forces Covenant, and the responsibility of elected bodies to uphold their part of this obligation and insist that our service personnel and their families receive the support they need and deserve.

**Full Council notes:**

- (i) It is deeply concerning that service personnel in Portsmouth are forced to turn to food banks.
- (ii) It is deeply concerning that forces charities and regimental associations continue to have to provide cost of living grants and food vouchers to veterans and their families.

**Full Council believes:**

We should condemn in the strongest terms the Conservative Government's neglect of our service personnel.

**Full Council Resolves:**

- (i) To ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Defence to release the armed forces pay review board 2023/4 report and pay award that is already two months overdue and to request the government provides additional basic financial support to service personnel by capping food and accommodation charges for the next 12 months.
- (ii) To ask the Leader of the council to write to Portsmouth-based food banks and local forces charities to thank them for supporting armed forces personnel and veterans and to provide information about any further support service personnel can currently access.

(f) **Unauthorised Encampments**

Proposed by Cllr Ryan Brent  
Seconded by Cllr Matthew Atkins

An unauthorised encampment is when a group of people move on to a piece of land that they do not own and without consent from the landowner. This is something that has occurred across various areas within Portsmouth and on land owned by the local authority in

recent years.

The council notes that every individual has rights and respects the choices made regarding lifestyle. However, the council condemns the impact unauthorised incursions have on residents within our communities as well as the unnecessary financial expense associated with the processes required.

It is imperative that local authorities ensure robust and appropriate prevention measures are regularly monitored and evaluated to protect taxpayers' money from being wasted.

**Therefore, Full Council Resolves that:**

- (i) a cross-party working group is created with a remit of ensuring all Portsmouth City Council (PCC) owned land, at risk of unauthorised encampments, is adequately protected from future incursion;
- (ii) the Leader of the council writes to leaders of all authorities in which PCC own land and request collaborative action to identify solutions to this issue;
- (iii) a report, via Cabinet, is brought back within three meetings (by December Council) that highlights:
  - the location and duration of all PCC land unauthorised encampments within the last 7 years;
  - a breakdown of the costs associated to council services within each event, including clean-up thereafter;
  - preventative measures put in place as a response to incursions; and
  - consultation and support conducted with residents in the locality and timeframe of both.

**11 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17 (Pages 85 - 88)**

David Williams  
Chief Executive

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10 July 2023

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MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Guildhall Portsmouth on Tuesday, 16 May 2023 at 10.00 am

### **Council Members Present**

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor  
Councillor Hugh Mason (in the Chair)

### Councillors

Yinka Adeniran	Mark Jeffery
Dave Ashmore	Abdul Kadir
Matthew Atkins	Leo Madden
Chris Attwell	Brian Madgwick
Kimberly Barrett	George Madgwick
Simon Boshier	Hugh Mason
Hannah Brent	Kirsty Mellor
Ryan Brent	Leonie Oliver
Stuart Brown	Steve Pitt
Peter Candlish	Darren Sanders
Cal Corkery	Asghar Shah
Raymond Dent	Russell Simpson
Chris Dike	John Smith
Jason Fazackarley	Judith Smyth
Charlotte Gerada	Emily Strudwick
Lewis Gosling	Benedict Swann
Graham Heaney	Mary Vallely
Ian Holder	Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Suzy Horton	Daniel Wemyss
Lee Hunt	Matthew Winnington

### **37. Introduction of new councillors**

The councillors newly elected to Portsmouth City Council were introduced in turn by their respective group leaders.

### **38. Retiring Lord Mayor's Speech**

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Canon Dr Hugh Mason, reported and reflected on his year in office.

### **39. Retiring Lady Mayoress' Speech**

The Lady Mayoress, Ms Marie Costa, reported on her year in office.

**40. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Steve Pitt

Seconded by Councillor Yinka Adeniran

That a vote of thanks be given to the retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

**It was RESOLVED unanimously that the council places on record its sincere thanks to Councillor Canon Dr Hugh Mason and Miss Marie Costa for their outstanding service to the city as Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress during their year of office.**

**That the Council expresses its great appreciation of the fine qualities which Councillor Canon Dr Hugh Mason had brought to the conduct of the business of this Council, his devotion to duty and the distinction and goodwill with which he carried out the many and various duties of the office of Lord Mayor.**

**That the Council also places on record its gratitude to Miss Marie Costa for her untiring support and help which she has given as Lady Mayoress to the Lord Mayor.**

**That this resolution be engrossed and be presented to Councillor Canon Dr Hugh Mason and Miss Marie Costa at this ceremony.**

The retiring Lord Mayor was presented with the Council's gift of an engrossed scroll which signified the Council's appreciation of his time in office.

**41. To elect the Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year**

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson nominated Councillor Tom Coles for election to the office of Lord Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

The nomination was seconded by Councillor Charlotte Gerada.

As there were no other nominations, the Lord Mayor put the proposal to the vote, following which it was declared CARRIED that Councillor Tom Coles be duly elected Lord Mayor.

Councillor Tom Coles then left the room with the retiring Lord Mayor to don the Lord Mayor's robes and chain of office.

**42. Investiture of the new Lady Mayoress**

Mrs Nikki Coles, the new Lady Mayoress, signed a document of office witnessed by the City Solicitor.

**43. New Lord Mayor takes the Chair**

Councillor Tom Coles took the chair and thereupon made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by the City Solicitor.

**44. Presentation of the Keys of the City**

The Lord Mayor received the Keys of the Fortress of Portsmouth into the safe keeping of the city.

These were presented to him by C Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment.

**45. Presentation of the Portsmouth Sword**

The Lord Mayor received the Portsmouth Sword, which symbolised the interdependence of the Royal Navy and the City of Portsmouth. The sword was presented to him by the Royal Navy.

**46. The Lord Mayor returns thanks to the Council**

The Lord Mayor thanked members of the Council for his election and detailed his ambitions for the year. He spoke about his charitable appeals for the coming year which were the Portsmouth Hospitals Charity, Home-Start Portsmouth and The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity.

**47. To appoint the Deputy Lord Mayor and Deputy Lady Mayoress for the ensuing Municipal Year**

Councillor Leo Madden nominated Councillor Jason Fazackarley as the Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

This nomination was seconded by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson.

There being no other nominations, the Lord Mayor put the proposal, which was CARRIED unanimously and declared Councillor Jason Fazackarley duly elected as the Deputy Lord Mayor. Councillor Fazackarley made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office., which was witnessed by the City Solicitor.

The Chief Executive announced that Councillor Fazackarley would be supported by his Deputy Lady Mayoress, Ms Helen Mitchell. The Deputy Lady Mayoress then made and subscribed a document undertaking to support the Deputy Lord Mayor in carrying out his official duties which was witnessed by the City Solicitor.

**48. Appointment of Chaplains to the City Council**

The Dean of Portsmouth, the Very Reverend Anthony Cane, and Reverend Bob White were appointed as Chaplains to the City Council.

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**49. Presentation of Civic Awards**

The Lord Mayor announced and presented Civic Awards to the following recipients:

- The Portsmouth Society
- Kurdish Home in Portsmouth
- Dr Jennifer Gupta

The meeting adjourned at 11.31 am and reconvened at 12.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Portsmouth Guildhall.

**50. Declaration of Members' Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**51. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 March 2023**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 March 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

These were agreed by assent.

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

The Lord Mayor advised that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor George Fielding.

The Lord Mayor welcomed newly elected Councillors Peter Candlish, Raymond Dent, Chris Dike, Leonie Oliver, Emily Strudwick and Mary Vallely to the council and this, their first council meeting.

The Lord Mayor also welcomed Councillor Hannah Brent back to the council along with Councillors Dave Ashmore, Chris Attwell, Cal Corkery, Graham Heaney, Suzy Horton, Lee Hunt and Gerald Vernon-Jackson who had been returned for another term.

**53. Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24.**

No deputation requests had been received under the provisions of this standing order.

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

Under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Council is required to elect a Leader of the City Council who will remain in office for four years unless their current term of office as a councillor expires earlier and also subject to the conditions set out on the agenda paper.

The Lord Mayor invited nominations for Leader of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Suzy Horton

That Councillor Steve Pitt be appointed Leader of the City Council.

There were no other nominations for Leader of the Council.

Following a vote, council voted unanimously that Councillor Steve Pitt be appointed Leader of Portsmouth City Council.

**RESOLVED that Councillor Steve Pitt be appointed as Leader of the City Council.**

Councillor Pitt gave an acceptance speech, thanking members and undertaking to work with communities to take forward the vision of a safer, greener, fairer and cleaner city. He undertook to listen to the views of members of all parties and closed by paying tribute to the service of the former Leader of the council, Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson.

**55. 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 Leader announced his Cabinet; the details of the Cabinet (with opposition spokespersons provided by the respective Group Leaders) are attached to these minutes as Appendix 1.

The Leader also announced the membership of the Health & Wellbeing Board, which was himself, Cllr Suzy Horton, Cllr Matthew Winnington and Cllr Lewis Gosling.

**RESOLVED that Council noted:**

- (i) the 10 portfolios (including the Leader) for the ensuing municipal year as set out in Appendix 1 attached to these minutes; and**

- (ii) the membership of the Health & Wellbeing Board for the ensuing municipal year.

## 56. Proportional Representation on Panels and Committees

The Lord Mayor proposed and the Council agreed to take agenda items 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 together regarding proportional representation on committees and panels and consequent appointment of members and standing deputies, chairs and vice-chairs and other appointments.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Steve Pitt

Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier

1. To adopt the overall political balance of the Council; and
2. Agree the membership of the committees and panels, standing deputies, chairs and vice chairs of Committees and Panels, including appointments and other appointments.

**Table 1 - Proportionality Chart (May 2023)**

	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Groups</b>	<b>No of Cllrs</b>	<b>Total No of Cttee Seats</b>	<b>Licensing Committee (15 )</b>	<b>Planning Committee (10)</b>	<b>Seven committees and panels (6 each)</b>	<b>Scrutiny Management Panel (9)</b>
<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	18	32	7	4	18	3
<b>Conservative</b>	8	14	2	2	8	2
<b>Labour</b>	7	13	2	2	7	2
<b>Portsmouth Independents Party</b>	6	11	2	1	6	2
<b>Portsmouth Community Independents</b>	2	4	1	1	2	0

Independent member	1	2	1	0	1	0
	42	76	15	10	42	9

**RESOLVED that:**

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

**(2) any other bodies subject to the political proportionality rules be appointed in accordance with the proportions shown in Table 1; and**

**(3) the allocation of seats schedule and the membership of the committees and panels be AGREED.**

The Lord Mayor moved to appoint chairs and vice-chairs of committees and the Scrutiny Management Panel and scrutiny panels for the 2023/24 municipal year.

Cllr Graham Heaney moved an amendment.

It was

Proposed by Cllr Graham Heaney

Seconded by Cllr Charlotte Gerada

That all committee chair and vice-chair positions be subject to the political proportionality rules and allocated accordingly.

Following debate and a vote it was

**RESOLVED that the amendment was declared LOST.**

The Lord Mayor invited Council to firstly agree the uncontested chair and vice-chair positions, along with the uncontested appointments and other appointments.

Council agreed to the uncontested chair and vice-chair positions, appointments and other appointments.

It was therefore

**RESOLVED that the following positions be AGREED:**

- 1. Cllr Mark Jeffery, Chair of the Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel;**
- 2. Cllr Leonie Oliver, Vice-Chair of the Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel;**
- 3. Cllr Kirsty Mellor, Chair of the Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel;**
- 4. Cllr Raymond Dent, Vice-Chair of the Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel,**
- 5. Cllr Brian Madgwick, Chair of the Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel,**
- 6. Cllr Russell Simpson, Chair of the Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel;**
- 7. Cllr Emily Strudwick, Vice-Chair of the Licensing Committee;**
- 8. Cllr Lee Hunt, Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee;**
- 9. Cllr Cal Corkery, Chairman of the Scrutiny Management Panel;**
- 10. Cllr Leo Madden, Chair of the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee;**
- 11. Cllr Darren Sanders, Vice-Chair of the Employment Committee;**
- 12. Cllr Judith Smyth, Chair of the Traffic, Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel;**
- 13. Cllr Charlotte Gerada, Vice-Chair of the Traffic, Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel;**
- 14. The appointment of Cllr George Madgwick to the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority;**
- 15. The appointment of Cllr Jason Fazackarley to the Police & Crime Panel, with Cllr Ian Holder as deputy;**
- 16. The nominations and standing deputies detailed for the Langstone Harbour Board, namely:**
  - Cllr Peter Candlish**
  - Cllr Lewis Gosling**
  - Cllr Graham Heaney**
  - Cllr Abdul Kadir**
  - Cllr Mary Vallely**



- Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson
- Cllr Kimberly Barrett (standing deputy)
- Cllr Ryan Brent (standing deputy)
- Cllr Charlotte Gerada (standing deputy)
- Cllr Steve Pitt (standing deputy)
- Cllr Darren Sanders (standing deputy)

**17. The nominations detailed for the Local Government Association General Assembly, namely:**

- Cllr George Fielding
- Cllr Lewis Gosling
- Cllr Steve Pitt
- Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson

**18. The nominations detailed for the Twinning Advisory Group, namely:**

- Cllr Lee Hunt (Chair),
- Cllr Tom Coles (Vice-Chair, ex-officio Lord Mayor)
- Cllr Jason Fazackarley
- Cllr George Fielding
- Cllr Leo Madden
- Cllr Hugh Mason

Council voted on the contested chair and vice-chair positions in turn.

**Licensing Committee Chair**

Two nominations for the role of chair had been put forward. One nomination was for Councillor Jason Fazackarley and the other was for Councillor George Fielding.

Following a vote, the nomination for Councillor Jason Fazackarley was declared CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that Councillor Jason Fazackarley be appointed as Chair of the Licensing Committee.**

**Planning Committee Chair**

Two nominations for the role of chair had been put forward. One nomination was for Councillor Chris Attwell and the other was for Councillor Judith Smyth.

Following a vote, the nomination for Councillor Chris Attwell was declared CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that Councillor Chris Attwell be appointed as Chair of the Planning Committee.**

### **Scrutiny Management Panel Vice-Chair**

Two nominations for the role of vice- chair had been put forward. One nomination was for Councillor Leo Madden and the other was for Councillor Graham Heaney.

Following a vote, the nomination for Councillor Leo Madden was declared CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that Councillor Leo Madden be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Scrutiny Management Panel.**

### **Governance & Audit & Standards Committee Vice-Chair**

Two nominations for the role of vice-chair had been put forward. One nomination was for Councillor Stuart Brown and the other was for Councillor George Madgwick.

Following a vote, the nomination for Councillor Stuart Brown was declared CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that Councillor Stuart Brown be appointed as Vice- Chair of the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee.**

### **Employment Committee Chair**

Two nominations for the role of chair had been put forward. One nomination was for Councillor Stuart Brown and the other was for Councillor Cal Corkery.

Following a vote, the nomination for Councillor Stuart Brown was declared CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that Councillor Stuart Brown be appointed as Chair of the Employment Committee.**

### **Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel Vice-Chair**

As no nominations had been received for this position in advance of the meeting, the Lord Mayor invited nominations from the floor.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Charlotte Gerada

Seconded by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

That Councillor Mary Vallely be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel.

Following a vote, the nomination for Councillor Mary Vallely was declared CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that Councillor Mary Vallely be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel.**

#### **Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel Vice-Chair**

As no nominations had been received for this position in advance of the meeting, the Lord Mayor invited nominations from the floor.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Jason Fazackarley

That Councillor John Smith be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel.

Following a vote, the nomination for Councillor John Smith was declared CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that Councillor John Smith be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel.**

Council voted on the committee seats as proposed by Councillor Steve Pitt and seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier, incorporating the chair and vice-Chair positions as already voted on.

This was carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED that the allocation of seats schedule and the membership of the committees and panels, including chair and vice-chair positions be AGREED.**

**Licensing Committee**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Position</b>	
1. Liberal Democrat	Chair	Jason Fazackarley
2. Liberal Democrat		Darren Sanders
3. Liberal Democrat		Leo Madden
4. Liberal Democrat		Dave Ashmore
5. Liberal Democrat		Leonie Oliver
6. Liberal Democrat		Stuart Brown
7. Liberal Democrat		Ian Holder
8. Conservative		Daniel Wemyss
9. Conservative		Benedict Swann
10. Labour		George Fielding
11. Labour		Asghar Shah
12. PIP		George Madgwick
13. PIP	Vice Chair	Emily Strudwick
14. Portsmouth Community Independents		Russell Simpson ( <i>gifted to PIP from PCI</i> )
15. Independent Member		Yinka Adeniran - ( <i>gifted to Labour</i> )
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Steve Pitt
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Kimberly Barrett
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Peter Candlish
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Lewis Gosling
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	John Smith
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Charlotte Gerada
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Mary Vallely
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Raymond Dent

### Planning Committee

<b>Group</b>	<b>Position</b>	
1. Liberal Democrat	Chair	Chris Attwell
2. Liberal Democrat		Peter Candlish
3. Liberal Democrat		Gerald Vernon-Jackson
4. Liberal Democrat	Vice-Chair	Lee Hunt
5. Conservative		John Smith
6. Conservative		Hannah Brent
7. Labour		Mary Vallely
8. Labour		Asghar Shah
9. PIP		Raymond Dent
10. Portsmouth Community Independents (seat gifted to Ind Member)		Judith Smyth
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Steve Pitt
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ian Holder
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Mark Jeffery
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Dave Ashmore
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Darren Sanders
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Lewis Gosling
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Daniel Wemyss
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	George Fielding
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Russell Simpson

### Scrutiny Management Panel

<b>Group</b>	<b>Position</b>	
1. Liberal Democrat	Vice-Chair	Leo Madden
2. Liberal Democrat		Abdul Kadir
3. Liberal Democrat		Peter Candlish
4. Conservative		Matthew Atkins
5. Conservative		Lewis Gosling
6. Labour		Mary Vallely
7. Labour		Graham Heaney
8. PIP		Emily Strudwick
9. PIP (gifted to PCI)	Chair	Cal Corkery
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Stuart Brown
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Mark Jeffery
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Chris Attwell
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Daniel Wemyss
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Simon Boshier
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	George Fielding
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Charlotte Gerada
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	George Madgwick

### Governance & Audit & Standards Committee

<b>Group</b>	<b>Position</b>	
1. Liberal Democrat	Chair	Leo Madden
2. Liberal Democrat	Vice-Chair	Stuart Brown
3. Conservative		Daniel Wemyss
4. Conservative		Benedict Swann
5. Labour		Graham Heaney
6. PIP		George Madgwick
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Chris Attwell
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Abdul Kadir
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Jason Fazackarley
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Hannah Brent
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	John Smith
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Mary Vallely
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Emily Strudwick

**Employment Committee**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Position</b>	
1. Liberal Democrat	Chair	Stuart Brown
2. Liberal Democrat	Vice-Chair	Darren Sanders
3. Liberal Democrat		Dave Ashmore
4. Conservative		Simon Boshier
5. Labour		Charlotte Gerada
6. Portsmouth Community Independents		Cllr Corkery
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Steve Pitt
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Hugh Mason
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Matthew Winnington
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ryan Brent
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Benedict Swann
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Asghar Shah



**Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Position</b>	
1. Liberal Democrat	Chair	Mark Jeffery
2. Liberal Democrat	Vice-Chair	Leonie Oliver
3. Liberal Democrat		Stuart Brown
4. Conservative		Matthew Atkins
5. Labour		Graham Heaney
6. Independent		Judith Smyth
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Charlotte Gerada

**Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Position</b>	
1. Liberal Democrat		Leo Madden
2. Liberal Democrat		Peter Candlish
3. Conservative	Vice-Chair	John Smith
4. Labour		Yinka Adeniran
5. PIP	Chair	Russell Simpson
6. PIP		Emily Strudwick
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Stuart Brown
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Mark Jeffery
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Matthew Atkins
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Benedict Swann
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	George Fielding
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	George Madgwick

**Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Position</b>	
1. Liberal Democrat		Leonie Oliver

2. Liberal Democrat		Stuart Brown
3. Liberal Democrat		Peter Candlish
4. Conservative		Hannah Brent
5. PIP	Chair	Brian Madgwick
6. Labour	Vice-Chair	Mary Vallely
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Mark Jeffery
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ryan Brent
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Matthew Atkins
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Yinka Adeniran
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Chris Dike

### Housing and Social Care Scrutiny Panel

<b>Group</b>	<b>Position</b>	
1. Liberal Democrat		Leo Madden
2. Liberal Democrat		Leonie Oliver
3. Conservative		Lewis Gosling
4. Portsmouth Community Independents	Chair	Kirsty Mellor
5. PIP	Vice Chair	Raymond Dent
6. Labour		Graham Heaney
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Jason Fazackarley
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ryan Brent
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Daniel Wemyss
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	George Fielding
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	George Madgwick

**Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Position</b>	
1. Liberal Democrat		Jason Fazackarley
2. Liberal Democrat		Mark Jeffery
3. Liberal Democrat ( <i>seat gifted to independent member</i> )	Chair	Judith Smyth
4. Conservative		Simon Boshier
5. Labour	Vice Chair	Charlotte Gerada
6. PIP		Chris Dike
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Leo Madden
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Graham Heaney
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	George Fielding

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

There was no urgent business under the provisions of this standing order.

**58. Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17.**

There were no questions from members under the provisions of this standing order.

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor Steve Pitt  
Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier

That the dates and times for the Council meetings for the next municipal year (2023/24) as set out in agenda item 17, be approved and that the provisional dates for 2024/25 Council meetings also set out in agenda item 17, be agreed in principle, subject to later ratification.

Upon being put to the vote this was declared CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that:**

**(1) the meetings of the Council be held on the following dates in the 2023/24 municipal year to commence at 2.00 pm 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)

**(2) the following provisional council meeting dates for 2024/25 be agreed in principle subject to later ratification:**

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)

The meeting concluded at 1.12 pm.

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Lord Mayor

### Cabinet & Opposition spokespersons for 2023/24

<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Cabinet Member</b> (Councillor)	<b>Opposition Group Spokespersons</b> (Councillor)	
The Leader  (incorporating the Culture, Leisure & Economic Development Portfolio)	Steve Pitt (Leader) (Liberal Democrat)	<u>Leader</u>	
		Simon Boshier Charlotte Gerada George Madgwick Cal Corkery	(Conservative) (Labour) (PIP) (PCI)
		<u>Culture, Leisure &amp; Economic Development Portfolio</u>	
		John Smith Mary Valley Russell Simpson	(Conservative) (Labour) (PIP)
Children, Families & Education	Suzy Horton (Deputy Leader) (Liberal Democrat)	Ryan Brent George Fielding Chris Dike	(Conservative) (Labour) (PIP)
Climate Change and Greening the City	Kimberly Barrett (Liberal Democrat)	Hannah Brent Charlotte Gerada Russell Simpson	(Conservative) (Labour) (PIP)
Environmental Services	Dave Ashmore (Liberal Democrat)	Simon Boshier Asghah Shah	(Conservative) (Labour)
Safety in the Community	Ian Holder (Liberal Democrat)	Hannah Brent Yinka Adeniran Emily Strudwick	(Conservative) (Labour) (PIP)
Community Wellbeing, Health & Care	Matthew Winnington (Liberal Democrat)	Lewis Gosling Graham Heaney Brian Madgwick Kirsty Mellor	(Conservative) (Labour) (PIP) (PCI)
Housing and Tackling Homelessness	Darren Sanders (Liberal Democrat)	Daniel Wemyss Charlotte Gerada Raymond Dent Cal Corkery	(Conservative) (Labour) (PIP) (PCI)

Planning Policy & City Development	Hugh Mason (Liberal Democrat)	Matthew Atkins George Fielding Raymond Dent	(Conservative) (Labour) (PIP)
Resources	Lee Hunt (Liberal Democrat)	Benedict Swann Asghah Shah George Madgwick	(Conservative) (Labour) (PIP)
Transport	Gerald Vernon-Jackson (Liberal Democrat)	Simon Boshier Graham Heaney Brian Madgwick	(Conservative) (Labour) (PIP)



MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Guildhall Portsmouth on Tuesday, 20 June 2023 at 5.00 pm

## **Council Members Present**

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor  
Councillor Tom Coles (in the Chair)

### Councillors

Yinka Adeniran	Lee Hunt
Dave Ashmore	Mark Jeffery
Chris Attwell	Abdul Kadir
Kimberly Barrett	Leo Madden
Simon Boshier	Brian Madgwick
Hannah Brent	George Madgwick
Ryan Brent	Hugh Mason
Stuart Brown	Leonie Oliver
Peter Candlish	Steve Pitt
Raymond Dent	Darren Sanders
Chris Dike	Asghar Shah
Jason Fazackarley	Russell Simpson
George Fielding	John Smith
Charlotte Gerada	Emily Strudwick
Lewis Gosling	Benedict Swann
Graham Heaney	Mary Vallely
Suzy Horton	Daniel Wemyss

### **60. Declaration of Members' Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **61. To receive such communications as the Lord Mayor may desire to lay before the Council, including apologies for absence.**

Due to the shorter than usual notice of the meeting, apologies for absence due to pre-arranged leave had been received from Councillor Matthew Atkins, Councillor Cal Corkery, Councillor Kirsty Mellor, Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE and Councillor Matthew Winnington.

Apologies for absence due to immovable work commitments had been received from Councillor Ian Holder.

### **62. Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24.**

No deputations requests had been received under the provisions of this standing order.

**63. Commencing Salary for the post of Chief Executive Officer (Head of Paid Service)**

Council considered the previously circulated report of the Director of Corporate Services.

It was proposed by Councillor Steve Pitt  
Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier

That Council:

- (i) Approve the commencing salary of £180,000 for the post of Chief Executive Officer (Head of Paid Service); and
- (ii) Record thanks to Mr David Williams for his long service to the council and wish him the very best for the future.

After being put to the vote this was CARRIED unanimously.

**It was therefore RESOLVED that the above proposals be approved.**

**64. To receive and consider the recommendation of the Appointments Sub Committee regarding the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer (incorporating the roles of Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer)**

The Lord Mayor advised that the Appointments Sub-Committee had undertaken interviews for the post of Chief Executive. Following these interviews, the below proposition on behalf of the Appointments Sub-Committee was put to Council:

Proposed by Councillor Steve Pitt  
Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier

That Council appoints Natalie Brahma-Pearl to be:

- (i) the Chief Executive of Portsmouth City Council;
- (ii) Portsmouth City Council's Returning Officer; and
- (iii) Portsmouth City Council's Electoral Registration Officer

After being put to the vote this was CARRIED unanimously.

**It was therefore RESOLVED that the above proposals be approved.**

**65. Appointment of New Honorary Recorder**

Council considered the previously circulated report of the City Solicitor.

It was proposed by Councillor Steve Pitt  
Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier

- (i) That His Honour Judge Michael Bowes KC be appointed Honorary Recorder during his tenure as Resident Judge at Portsmouth Crown Court;
- (ii) That the Lord Mayor be asked to attend a ceremony to confer the appointment on behalf the Council; and
- (iii) That His Honour Judge Timothy Mousley KC be thanked for his four years as Honorary Recorder to the City of Portsmouth.

After being put to the vote this was CARRIED unanimously.

**It was therefore RESOLVED that the above proposal be approved.**

The meeting concluded at 5.11 pm.

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Lord Mayor

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# Agenda Item 8

From CABINET held on 27 June 2023

Council Agenda Item 8 (Cabinet minute No. 53)

## **Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement**

**RECOMMENDED** that Full Council notes for information only the Cabinet decision to approve -

- i) The Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement for the signature of the Leader and publication on the council's website (see appendix 1); and
- ii) The programme of work set out in item 11 of the report.

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<b>Title of meeting:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	27th June 2023
<b>Subject:</b>	Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement
<b>Report by:</b>	Natasha Edmunds, Director of Corporate Services
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All
<b>Key decision:</b>	No
<b>Full Council decision:</b>	Yes - for noting Cabinet decision

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## 1. Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to provide context to the council's Modern Slavery Transparency Statement, update progress against the 2022/23 improvement plan, and to seek approval to publish the statement (appendix 1) on the council's website as required by the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

## 2. Recommendations

That Cabinet approves:

- i) **The Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement for the signature of the Leader and publication on the council's website (see appendix 1) and**
- ii) **The programme of work set out in item 11 of this report.**
- iii) **That Full Council be asked to note the decision of the cabinet to approve and publish the statement.**

## 3. Background

3.1 The Modern Slavery Act 2015 (MSA 2015) applies to England and Wales and includes the offences of human trafficking and slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour. The Act consolidated and simplified existing offences and establishes a legal duty under Section 52 for specified public authorities to notify the Home Office where there is reasonable grounds to believe a person may be a victim of modern slavery.

3.2 Section 54 of the MSA 2015 requires commercial organisations carrying out business in the UK, with a turnover of at least £36 million, to prepare and publish a slavery and human trafficking statement for each and every financial year.

3.3 A review of the legislation published in May 2019 recommended that Government should extend section 54 requirements to the public sector and strengthen its public procurement processes. The council published its first statement in advance of this

recommendation in March 2019. The proposed 2023/24 statement is attached at appendix 1.

#### **4. Alignment with the City Vision**

4.1 The City Vision sets out where Portsmouth wants to be by 2040. The Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement underpins two key ambitions - to be a healthy happy city and a city with a thriving economy. The programme of work set out below will help the council move towards these ambitions.

#### **5. Procurement**

5.1 The PCC procurement team have commissioned Nottingham University's Rights Lab to undertake an analysis of Portsmouth's MDS risk, particularly in relation to Adult Social Care contracts. This work will produce an action plan and a toolkit for ASC but the learning and approach can be adopted and adapted for use by other council services. The plan is for risk assessment and mitigation for modern day slavery to be built into the new procurement processes arising from the national review - <https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3159> . If new procurements are high risk a series of additional due diligence will be followed, and support provided for suppliers by Unseen (<https://www.unseenuk.org/>) if found to be unable to produce evidence of their approach.

#### **6. Portsmouth International Port (PIP)**

6.1 The updated statement also covers the International Port. The multi-agency Solent Portal Maritime Security Group includes representatives from the Portsmouth International Port, Border Force, MOD, ferry operators, DFT and police. The group meets regularly to discuss security incidents, issues, and threat levels, including human trafficking. Modern Slavery is now a standing agenda item and links with the Boarder force are being developed with Adult Social Care.

6.2 Portico (previously MMD) publish a separate statement on their website.

#### **7. Hampshire and Isle of Wight Modern Slavery Partnership**

7.1 Portsmouth is an active member of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Modern Slavery Partnership. Senior managers responsible for adult and children's safeguarding are represented on the core group and other Council staff play an active role in supporting the relevant sub-groups The most recent strategic plan (2020-23) is available [here](#). The strategy is in the process of being updated.

#### **8. Supporting victims**

8.1 Support for victims of modern slavery is managed by the children and adults safeguarding partnerships. Comprehensive processes and procedures are in place to ensure the right support is provided. The statement contains links to both safeguarding websites so that concerns can be reported directly.



8.2 Referral information available on the government's website shows that referrals from Portsmouth City Council reduced to 17 in 2022, compared to 39 in 2021, whilst the numbers of potential victims seem to be increasing. The [Modern Slavery Helpline annual statistics](#) for 2022 show nationally:

- A potential 6,516 victims of modern slavery indicated – an increase of 116% compared to 2021
- A total of 7,315 calls from victims, the public and professionals working in organisations such as the NHS, local government and businesses – an increase of 16%

8.3 It is possible however, that the reduction of referrals from Portsmouth could include cases whereby concerns have been raised and investigated and local support put in place rather than referring to the National Referral Mechanism. More work is required to understand the local statistics.

## 9. Enforcement

9.1 A Restricted 'Problem Profile' for Portsmouth was produced in 2022 but reduced police resources mean this has not been updated. The plan this year is to include data from other council services and partners and use this to target any enforcement activity.

## 10. Training

10.1 Training statistics are provided with a cautionary note in the absence of the Portsmouth Learning Gateway. In the past 12 months<sup>1</sup> *manually collected* data shows that 699 staff have attended safeguarding training (children and adults) that includes elements of modern slavery and exploitation. A further 93 staff have completed the more detailed Modern Slavery e-learning module, 69 of whom were not social care employees (up from 38 in 21/22). Statistics and process are currently being updated in the e-learning module.

10.2 A short animation highlighting hidden vulnerabilities will be included in the council's induction program for all new staff from June 23. The animation is also available on the Adult Safeguarding Board website: <https://www.portsmouthsab.uk/intro-to-safeguarding/vulnerability/>

10.3 Training uptake is monitored by the Governance and Audit Committee including the number of members undertaking the e-learning course.

## 11. Auditing and Programme of continuous improvement

11.1 The most recent audit carried out in September 2022, and approved by the Governance and Audit Committee, found improved levels of assurance across the risks identified. Internal Audit staff will include Modern Slavery service audits in regular discussions with senior management teams.

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<sup>1</sup> April 2022-March 2023

11.2 Portsmouth's Modern Slavery Steering group, chaired by the Director of Corporate Services, will take forward the improvement programme set out in the statement (item 10). This will be reviewed six monthly alongside the annual review of the statement to ensure appropriate levels of awareness, response and enforcement across the relevant council directorates. The programme of work, under the following headings, will be implemented during 2023/24:

**11.2.1 Strategic Leadership** - An annual report will be submitted to the Governance and Audit Committee as part of corporate health monitoring process. Regular Modern Slavery working group meetings chaired by the Director of Corporate Services monitor progress against the improvement plan.

**11.2.2 Working with partners** - the council continues to work in active partnership with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and Isle of Wight and local safeguarding boards. PCC also supports the Hampshire and IOW Modern Slavery Partnership; contributes to the review of the 2023 strategy and ensures Portsmouth is represented at an appropriate level at the Modern Slavery Partnership Board and sub-groups. Work is continuing with Police colleagues to improve local data analysis, emergency planning procedures and enforcement operations.

**11.2.3 Raising awareness** - PCC is continuing to raise awareness of modern slavery by supporting a Hampshire-wide communication campaign to complement annual national Anti-Slavery activity in October.

**11.2.4 Develop and expand training** - PCC is continuing to increase the number of non-social care staff and elected councilors accessing e-learning and/or face to face training on modern slavery.

**11.2.5 Procurement and supply chains** - the council continues to undertake a minimum of two supply chain audits per year and develop a longer-term audit framework for high-risk contracts, it is also developing a procurement strategy linked with longer term work on social value.

**11.2.6 Policies and processes** - review all HR policies associated with identifying and combatting modern slavery.

**11.2.7 Enforcement and disruption** - continue to support police led community safety responses and disruption activities, improve local data gathering, working alongside partner agencies such as the police, fire service and health services to target enforcement activity.

## 12. Reasons for recommendations

12.1 The proposed *Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement attached as Appendix 1* sets out the Council's current position and future plans to understand all potential modern slavery risks related to its business and puts in place steps to ensure there is no slavery or human trafficking in its own business and/or in its supply chains, and also to protect and support victims.

12.2 It is important to make and sustain collaborative links with delivering the City Vision and the Social Value Strategy as well as working with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Modern Slavery Partnership.

12.3 The statement sets out an improvement plan to be completed by the end of March 2024. For the avoidance of doubt, the statement also applies to Portsmouth International Port. Portico (previously known as MMD) prepare a separate statement.

**13. Integrated impact assessment (IIA)**

13.1 An IIA has been completed and is attached at appendix 3.

**14. Legal implications**

14.1 The report sets out the basis upon which a public sector organisation is required to prepare and publish an annual statement relevant to the statutory requirements of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

14.2 Neither the new national modern slavery strategy or the new Bill announced last year in the Queens Speech have progressed.

**15. Director of Finance's comments**

15.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report. If there are actions arising from the programme of work set out in paragraph 10 or from any other specific initiative aligned to the Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement that require additional resource, a further report will be brought to members as appropriate.

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Signed by:  
Natasha Edmunds  
Director of Corporate Services

**Appendices:**

**Appendix 1 - Portsmouth City Council Proposed Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2023/24**

**Appendix 2 - Integrated impact assessment**

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

<b>Title of document</b>	<b>Location</b>
Local Government Association - Tackling Modern Slavery - A council guide	LGA website <a href="https://www.local.gov.uk/modern-slavery-council-guide">https://www.local.gov.uk/modern-slavery-council-guide</a>
Councillor Guide to Tackling Modern Slavery	LGA website <a href="https://www.local.gov.uk/councillor-guide-tackling-modern-slavery">https://www.local.gov.uk/councillor-guide-tackling-modern-slavery</a>
The Local Government Association guidance re preparing transparency statements.	<a href="https://www.local.gov.uk/topics/community-safety/modern-slavery/transparency-statements">https://www.local.gov.uk/topics/community-safety/modern-slavery/transparency-statements</a> .

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by ..... on .....

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Signed by:

**Contents:**

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement

<b>ID</b>	
<b>Last Review Date</b>	May 2023
<b>Next Review Date</b>	April 2024
<b>Approval</b>	Cabinet
<b>Policy Owner</b>	Executive
<b>Policy Author</b>	Lisa Wills, Strategy and Partnership Manager
<b>Advice &amp; Guidance</b>	Strategy Unit
<b>Location</b>	Policyhub
<b>Related Documents</b>	<a href="https://www.modernslaverypartnership.org.uk/partnership/">https://www.modernslaverypartnership.org.uk/partnership/</a>
<b>Applicability</b>	This policy applies to all employees in the City Council, (except those in schools), including elected members and the International Port.

## 1. Introduction

1.1 The Council acknowledges the provisions set out in the Modern Slavery Act (2015) and this statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) and the recommendations arising from an independent review published in May 2019.

1.2 Portsmouth City Council is committed to preventing slavery and human trafficking in its corporate activities and to ensuring that the services it commissions (and where applicable, the associated supply chains) are free from slavery and human trafficking.

1.3 This *Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement* sets out the Council's current position and improvement plans. The council will identify, understand and mitigate all potential modern slavery risks related to its business and will put in place steps to ensure there is no slavery or human trafficking in its own business operations and/or in its supply chains. For the avoidance of doubt, this statement also applies to Portsmouth International Port.

1.4 A statement will be issued annually, setting out relevant information in respect of the previous financial year and published on the council's website here: <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/your-council/policies-and-strategies/modern-slavery-and-human-trafficking-statement>.

1.5 This statement relates to activities undertaken during the financial year April 2022 to March 2023.

## 2. Context and reporting concerns

2.1 The council's role in relation to modern slavery is broader than commercial organisations that are required to publish a transparency statement, and can be set out in four areas:

- identification and referral of victims - to report concerns please see paragraph 2.5 below
- supporting victims – this can be through safeguarding children and adults with care and support needs and through housing/homelessness services
- community safety services, enforcement, and disruption activities both independently and with partners
- making sure procurement processes and supply chains are free from modern slavery.

2.2 The Council acknowledges its role in working across the city and with the Police and Crime Commissioner's office to raise awareness of the signs of modern slavery, identifying those vulnerable to it and responding with partners to reports and incidents. This work involves a variety of council services and partners including the International Port, UK Border Force, Police, Civil Contingencies, Environmental Health and Trading Standards, Housing, Neighbourhoods and Building Services, Licensing, Children's Social Care and Adults Social Care.

2.3 Security meetings are held three times per year between Port colleagues, MOD, Police, Border Force and other partners to share intelligence.

2.4 The Modern Slavery Steering Group meets regularly to monitor the program of continuous improvement set out in item 10.

2.5 Work to protect children and vulnerable adults who are trafficked and/or exploited is overseen by our local safeguarding boards including referral processes to the national Independent Child Trafficking Advocacy Service and multi-agency specialist groups (Missing Exploited and Trafficked Group - MET). See links below for further information and **how to report concerns about children or adults**:

2.5.1 Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership  
(<https://www.portsmouthscb.org.uk/professionals/trafficking/>) and

2.5.2 Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board  
(<http://www.portsmouthsab.uk/abuse/missing-exploited-trafficked/>)

### 3. Legislative framework

3.1 The Government's approach to tackling modern slavery has been shaped by a number of international laws, conventions and protocols which the UK has opted in to, ratified, or is already bound by, including the: 1950 European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), Children Act 1989, Care Act 2014, Immigration Act 2016 and the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

### 4. Organisational structure (UPDATE)

Portsmouth City Council (PCC) is a unitary authority situated in Portsmouth within the county of Hampshire. PCC provides a wide range of statutory and discretionary services, delivered both directly by the Council and through external contractors.

4.1 The Council's senior management structure can be found here (**LINK TO BE UPDATED**)

4.2 The Council's constitution can be found here:

<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/the-council/policies-and-strategies/constitution>

### 5. Procurement and supply chains and due diligence

5.1 PCC's Supplier Questionnaire (SQ) includes a requirement to comply with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 as per the central government issued SQ template document. Central government are due to issue a new SQ document that strengthens the commitment of the questionnaire asking for copies of statements from all new suppliers identified as commercial organisation under the Modern Slavery Act 2015, and consider retrospective application to existing high risk areas identified by the [Labour Exploitation - Industry profiles - sectors at risk - GLAA](#).

5.2 Further, we would expect and request assurance that the practices of companies and organisations operating within the EU adhere to Article 4 of the European Convention on Human Rights concerning the prohibition of slavery and forced labour.<sup>1</sup>

5.3 The PCC procurement team have also commissioned Nottingham University's Rights Lab to undertake an analysis of Portsmouth's MDS risk, particularly in relation to Adult Social Care contracts. This work will produce an action plan and a toolkit for ASC but the learning and approach can be adopted and adapted for use by other council services. The plan is for risk assessment and mitigation for modern day slavery to be built into the new procurement processes arising from the national review - <https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3159>.

On a case-by-case basis individual procurements will be assessed for modern slavery risk. High risk contracts will include project specific quality questions relating to modern slavery for tenderers to provide assurances on supply chain management and contract delivery in relation to mitigating against instances of modern slavery.

5.4 The majority of contracts let and managed by the council are low risk for labour exploitation. The programme of continuous improvement includes a plan to develop a new procurement strategy that will identify the highest risk existing contracts and map the associated supply chains. Procurement governance arrangements will be revised to monitor new contract activity that will trigger the application of additional due diligence in respect of high value, high risk contracts in industries identified by the [Labour Exploitation - Industry profiles - sectors at risk - GLAA](#).

5.4 Strategic contracts will be audited on a rolling basis for compliance. The first supply chain audit was carried out with support from the Housing, Neighbourhoods and Building Services in May 2022.

5.5 Survivors of Modern Slavery are included as beneficiaries of the local social value procurement policy approved by the Council in March 2021 (available on request).

## **6. Hampshire and Isle of Wight Modern Slavery Partnership**

6.1 PCC is an active member of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Modern Slavery Partnership ( <https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/msp>). We are working with partners to develop an updated strategy<sup>2</sup>.

## **7. Relevant organisational policies, procedures, and strategies**

7.1 PCC has the following policies that are relevant to the identification of modern slavery risks and the steps it takes to prevent slavery and human

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<sup>1</sup> The government remains committed to the European Convention on Human Rights - <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/human-rights-act-reform-a-modern-bill-of-rights/human-rights-act-reform-a-modern-bill-of-rights-consultation>

<sup>2</sup> The current strategy can be found [https://www.modernslaverypartnership.org.uk/files/2115/9169/7447/Hamp\\_MSP\\_Strategy.pdf](https://www.modernslaverypartnership.org.uk/files/2115/9169/7447/Hamp_MSP_Strategy.pdf)



trafficking in its operations. All policies are readily available to staff and are also available by contacting the Council direct (please email [Lisa.Wills@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:Lisa.Wills@portsmouthcc.gov.uk) )

7.1.2 Whistle blowing policy - the council encourages all its employees, councillors, contractors, their agents and/or subcontractors, consultants, suppliers and service providers to report concerns about any aspect of service provision, conduct of officers and others acting on behalf of the Council, or the supply chain. The policy is designed to make it easy to make disclosures without fear of discrimination and/or victimisation. The policy was reviewed in January 2022.

7.1.3 Employee Code of Conduct - the council's employee code of conduct (Council Constitution, Part 4C) makes clear to employees the actions and behavior expected of them when representing the council. The council strives to maintain the highest standards of employee conduct and ethical behavior when managing the supply chain.

<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/council-and-democracy/policies-and-strategies/constitution/>

7.1.4 Recruitment policy - the council adheres to robust continuing employment checks/standards, this includes ensuring identities and qualifications, UK address, right to work in the UK, (i.e. people brought into the country illegally will not have a National Insurance number), suitable references and payroll information. The organisation uses only specified, reputable employment agencies to source labour and always verifies the practices of any new agency it is using before accepting workers from that agency. The recruitment policy is due to be updated shortly.

7.1.5 Fraud and Anti-corruption policy - this requires staff to perform business activities with due diligence in a transparent and ethical manner and to encourage the reporting of suspected wrongdoing.

## **8. Safeguarding policies and procedures - children and adults**

8.1 The children and adults safeguarding partnerships provide city wide governance in relation to identification, referral and support of vulnerable children and adults who may be subject to abuse or exploitation. Portsmouth Multi-agency Safeguarding Hubs for children and adults will assess the need for referral to the National Referral Mechanism. Please refer to the links previously provided for details.

## **9. Training**

9.1 Modern slavery and human trafficking is included within the council's safeguarding training for staff working in children and adult services. This training is mandatory for the social care workforce and is consistent with that of other local authorities across the county. In the past 12 months<sup>3</sup> 699 social care staff

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<sup>3</sup> April 2022-March 2023 - data source Learning and Development

attended these safeguarding courses. This includes 462 staff from other areas of the council: housing officers, finance staff, building maintenance staff etc.

Council Directors agreed to extend training to a wider group of staff, following an internal audit. This will increase opportunities for identifying and responding to incidents and reports. A focused video-based e-learning package on Modern Slavery, and a Skills Booster course are also available to PCC staff and councillors. In the past 12 months (April 22-31 March 23) 93 staff took these courses - 69 of whom were not social care employees (up from 38 in 21/22). In total, since January 2020, 155 staff have completed the e-learning course. Training uptake is monitored by the Governance and Audit Committee.

9.2 A Modern Slavery update is included in regular community safety briefings to directorate management teams and a short animation highlighting hidden vulnerabilities has been commissioned and included in the council's induction program for all new staff from June 23. The animation is also available on the Adult Safeguarding Board website: <https://www.portsmouthsab.uk/intro-to-safeguarding/vulnerability/>

9.3 Elected Council members have their own directory of training and will be able to access the new Modern Slavery e-learning as well as safeguarding workshops and the Skills Booster course. In addition to this the Local Government Association have a Councillor guide to tackling modern slavery that is available on their website [Councillor guide to tackling modern slavery \(local.gov.uk\)](#). All Councillors have also been offered face to face training.

## 10. Auditing and evidence

10.1 The Council is committed to a programme of scrutiny and continuous improvement and completed a detailed compliance audit during 2019/20. The most recent audit carried out in September 2022, and approved by the Governance and Audit Committee, found improved levels of assurance across the risks identified. Internal auditing staff will include Modern Slavery service audits in regular discussions with senior management teams. The improvement programme is based on risks identified during the latest audit as well as discussion at regular working group meetings, chaired by the Director of Corporate Services. The programme for 2023/24 includes:

10.1.1 **Strategic Leadership** - An annual report is submitted to the Governance and Audit Committee as part of corporate health monitoring process. Regular Modern Slavery working group meetings chaired by the Director of Corporate Services monitors the improvement plan.

10.1.2 **Working with partners** - continue to work in active partnership with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and Isle of Wight and local safeguarding boards. Support the Hampshire and Isle Of Wight Modern Slavery Partnership; contribute to the review of the 2023 strategy and ensure Portsmouth is represented at an appropriate level at the Modern Slavery Partnership Board and sub-groups. Work with Police colleagues to improve local data analysis, emergency planning procedures and enforcement operations.

10.1.3 **Raising awareness** - continue to raise awareness of modern slavery by supporting Hampshire-wide communication campaign to compliment annual national Anti-Slavery activity in October and expanding training across the organization.

10.1.4 **Develop and expand training** - Continue to increase the number of non-social care staff and elected councilors accessing e-learning and/or face to face training on modern slavery.

10.1.5 **Procurement and supply chains** - Continue to undertake a minimum of two supply chain audits per year and develop a longer-term audit framework for high-risk contracts. Continue to develop a procurement strategy linked with longer term work on social value.

10.1.6 **Policies and processes** - review all HR policies associated with identifying and combatting modern slavery.

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This statement was approved by Portsmouth City Council on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

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Leader

Date (date of signature)

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## Policy details

<b>Request date</b>	30/05/2023 18:10
<b>Directorate</b>	PCC Executive
<b>Service</b>	Strategy and Partnerships
<b>Title of policy, service, function</b>	Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement
<b>Type of policy, service, function</b>	Existing
<b>What is the aim of your policy, service, function, project or strategy?</b>	The Modern Slavery Act 2015 (MSA 2015) applies to England and Wales and includes the offences of human trafficking and slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour. The Act establishes a legal duty under Section 52 for specified public authorities to notify the Home Office where there is reasonable grounds to be believe a person may be a victim of modern slavery. Section 54 of the MSA 2015 requires commercial organisations carrying out business in the UK, with a turnover of at least £36 million, to prepare and publish a slavery and human trafficking statement for each and every financial year. The City Council is therefore required to produce and annual statement and improvement plan.
<b>Has any consultation been undertaken for this proposal?</b>	no

**Equality & diversity - will it have any positive/negative impacts on the protected characteristics?**

<p><b>With the above in mind and following data analysis, who is the policy, service, function, project or strategy going to benefit or have a detrimental effect on and how?</b></p>	<p>The aim of this statement is to demonstrate the council's commitment to identifying, and eliminating modern slavery, human trafficking and forced labour in all its operations and supply chains and to set out a programme of improvement.</p> <p>The Council also has a duty under Section 52 of the Modern Slavery Act to identify and support victims of modern slavery. It is hoped that identifying and supporting victims of modern slavery and providing appropriate support will improve their mental and physical health, and quality of life.</p>
<p><b>Will any of those groups be affected in a different way to others because of your policy, project, service, function, or strategy?</b></p>	<p>Men, women and children are all vulnerable in different ways to different kinds of modern slavery. The highest number of referrals to the National Referral mechanism are come from the UK, followed by Albanians.</p> <p>We anticipate a positive impact in the long term. Often victims of modern slavery and trafficking are from minority ethnic backgrounds - although a high proportion - as far as we know - are from the UK. The Modern Slavery and Exploitation helpline's Annual Assessment for 2021 identifies the top 10 nationalities of potential victims - in order from 1-10 - Romania, Vietnam, China, Albania, Sudan, India, Poland, England, Brazil, Pakistan</p>
<p><b>If you are directly or indirectly discriminating, how are you going to mitigate the negative impact?</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Who have you consulted with or are planning to consult with and what was/will be your consultation methodology?</b></p>	<p>Modern Slavery is a hidden crime and consultation is not appropriate at this stage.</p>
<p><b>How are you going to review the policy, service, project or strategy, how often and who will be responsible?</b></p>	<p>The statement is reviewed annually and progress against improvement plan priorities monitored every 6 months</p>

## Crime - Will it make our city safer?

<b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b>	The improvement plan in the statement will help to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of modern slavery so that more victims are identified and supported. Most victims of modern slavery and trafficking are likely to be vulnerable for example, young people used to run drugs, immigrant workers, begging gangs, people with complex needs (often mental health and substance misuse) or rough sleepers. Some of these groups are also linked to anti-social behaviour. Providing support to escape exploitative relationships should allow them to get other legitimate work, improving their income and reducing crime.
<b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b>	Monitor levels of crime and ASB alongside reports of modern slavery.

## Housing - will it provide good quality homes?

<b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b>	If victims of modern slavery are identified in private sector accommodation it is possible they might need to be rehoused in social housing in the long run so may impact on supply - although the numbers are very small.
<b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b>	Checking with Housing Service

## Health - will this help promote healthy, safe and independent living?

<b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b>	see previous comments
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<b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b>	see previous comments
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**Income deprivation and poverty - will it consider income deprivation and reduce poverty?**

<b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b>	see previous comments
<b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b>	see previous comments

**Carbon emissions - will it reduce carbon emissions?**

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**Energy use - will it reduce energy use?**

<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Climate change mitigation and flooding - will it proactively mitigate against a changing climate and flooding?**

<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Natural environment - will it ensure public spaces are greener, more sustainable and well-maintained?**

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**Air quality - will it improve air quality?**

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**Transport - will it make transport more sustainable and safer for the whole community?**

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**Waste management - will it increase recycling and reduce the production of waste?**

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**Culture and heritage - will it promote, protect and enhance our culture and heritage?**

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**Employment and opportunities - will it promote the development of a skilled workforce?**

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## **Economy - will it encourage businesses to invest in the city, support sustainable growth and regeneration?**

<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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## **Social value**

<b>Please explain how your policy, service, function, project or strategy delivers Social Value</b>	The Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement demonstrates the council's commitment to making sure there is no modern slavery in the council's supply chains.
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## **Involvement**

<b>Who was involved in the Integrated impact assessment?</b>	No time to consult this time.
<b>Name of the person completing this form</b>	Lisa Wills
<b>Date of completion</b>	2023-05-30

# Agenda Item 9

From CABINET held on 27 June 2023

Council Agenda Item 9 (Cabinet minute No. 47)

## **Queen Alexandra (QA) Hospital Emergency Department Support**

**RECOMMENDED** that Full Council approve the recommendations contained within the report, namely:-

- (i) The granting of £436,893.68 from Community Infrastructure Funding to Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust for the provision of infrastructure in accordance with the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) ("CIL Regs") to be funded from Capital Infrastructure CIL; and
- (ii) To write to Portsmouth Hospitals University Trust to confirm that CIL is part of the expected infrastructure costs of any significant project/development and is a levy to compensate for the full range of additional public infrastructure requirements that will arise from developments and will fall to the Council. The part of the NHS responsible for resourcing any future funding allocation for major projects locally, should therefore include any future CIL contribution as part of the budget it provides for the project.

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<b>Title of meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet and Full Council</b>
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	Cabinet 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 / Full Council 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
<b>Subject:</b>	Queen Alexandra (QA) Hospital Emergency Department Support
<b>Report by:</b>	Andy Biddle, Director of Adult Social Care
<b>Report Author:</b>	Ian Maguire, Assistant Director Planning & Economic Growth, Regeneration
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All
<b>Key decision:</b>	Yes
<b>Full Council decision:</b>	Yes

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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. To consider an application for Community Infrastructure Levy ('CIL') Funding of £436,893.68 by Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust ('the Trust') for community infrastructure outputs at Queen Alexandra Hospital (QA).

**2. Recommendations**

Cabinet

- 2.1. to note the content of the report.
- 2.2. to recommend to Full council, to approve the recommendations of the Report.

Full Council to approve:-

The granting of £436,893.68 from Community Infrastructure Funding to Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust for the provision of infrastructure in accordance with the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) ("CIL Regs") to be funded from Capital Infrastructure CIL.

- 2.3 To write to Portsmouth Hospitals University Trust to confirm that CIL is part of the expected infrastructure costs of any significant project/development and is a levy to compensate for the full range of additional public infrastructure requirements that will arise from developments and will fall to the Council. The part of the NHS responsible for resourcing any future funding allocation for major projects locally, should therefore include any future CIL contribution as part of the budget it provides for the project.

### 3. Background

3.1. Portsmouth City Council has been charging CIL since April 2012. CIL is a set charge, (based on the gross internal area floorspace of buildings) on most new development to help fund the infrastructure needed to address the cumulative impact of development across the city.

3.2. The CIL charging schedule sets out the charging rates applied to different forms of development. In summary, this schedule advises:

Type of development	Charge
All development types unless stated otherwise in this table	Full Basic CIL rate
<b>A1 - A5:</b> In-centre retail of any size and small (< 280m <sup>2</sup> ) out-of-centre retail	Reduced CIL rate
<b>B1(a); B1, B2, B8:</b> Office and Industrial	Zero rated
<b>C1:</b> Hotels	Reduced CIL rate
<b>C2:</b> Residential Institutions	Reduced CIL rate
<b>D1:</b> Community Uses	Zero rated

3.3. The CIL collected by the Council includes a proportion of 15% which is reserved to be spent as 'Neighbourhood CIL' on projects of a more local nature, a further 5% is reserved for Administration Costs, with the remainder available for use in the Council's capital programme towards the cost of eligible schemes. The Neighbourhood CIL element is subject to a separate procedure operated by the Planning service in consultation with Ward Members for the ward where a project is proposed.

3.4. The Portsmouth City Council Infrastructure Funding Statement, last updated December 2021 includes "the infrastructure list", the necessary statement in accordance with Regulation 121A(1)(a) of the CIL Regulations detailing the infrastructure project and types of infrastructure which the Council intends will be or may be wholly or partly funded by CIL. That list is:

- Transport (including road networks, transport interchanges and park & ride)
- Flood Defences (including Portsea Island Coastal Defence Strategy)
- Schools (including academies and free schools)
- Hospitals (including healthcare and social care facilities)
- Green Infrastructure (including play areas, open spaces and parks)
- Recreational Facilities (including cultural and sports facilities)
- Community Safety Facilities (including police stations).

3.5. The infrastructure list includes elements of community infrastructure, such as police stations and hospitals, which the City Council is not responsible for. There is however no current adopted mechanism for those public authorities

who are responsible for delivering this essential public infrastructure to access CIL funding. In the absence of an adopted procedure the Council has nevertheless received a request for funding from Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust.

- 3.6. Under the current CIL charging schedule PCC levies CIL on new floorspace created within hospitals, which falls within the description of Use Class C2 in the table at 3.2 above. The Trust therefore is in the position that it must make CIL payments to the City Council proportionate to any new floorspace created but that same floorspace is itself a community infrastructure output that CIL funding can be put towards.

In February 2021, Members instructed Officers to advise the Trust that they would consider an application for CIL funding from them to an amount equivalent to that already paid in CIL associated with the development of a ward block and car park. The Trust subsequently applied for both Neighbourhood CIL and centrally agreed CIL and were awarded £152,533, (through the established Neighbourhood CIL procedure) and £864,354.26, (through full Council decision) in April 2022 and July 2022 respectively.

At the time, the Trust confirmed they would put in place additional elements to the car park and the ward of:

- a new patient garden (part utilising the neighbourhood CIL contribution) which is due to be constructed alongside in the Spring and be open by August 2022
- the introduction of new barrier-less access to the car park reducing queues and on-site congestion whilst enabling an easier way of paying for spaces when charging is reintroduced.
- the introduction of electrical car charging infrastructure (part utilising the neighbourhood CIL contribution)
- provision of improved signage and variable messaging signs for public parking information
- access improvements to the pedestrian routes between the new car park and the north entrance
- a range of further measures to promote sustainable travel supported by the Trusts Green Travel Plan (currently being developed)

- 3.7. The Trust wrote to PCC in February 2023, in connection with the development of the new Emergency Department, (ED) in construction at Queen Alexandra Hospital, which was granted Outline Planning Permission by the Council in 2021. The Trust has expressed concerns about the CIL liability that has been identified for the ED, which will be a total charge of £513,992.57. None of this amount has yet become due or been paid.

- 3.8. The capital requirements supporting the City Council's objectives and the projects delivered for the benefit of the City's residents are significant. Every year the scale and range of projects seeking capital funding exceeds that available within the City Council's budgets. An essential task for the Council is therefore to assess and prioritise the spending within its control. A number of

funding streams to support the capital programme are available with CIL being just one of them. CIL income is required to be spent on infrastructure to support the development of the area, so is more constrained than other capital funding sources, but can be applied to capital works to Hospitals where it supports such growth.

#### **4. Reasons for recommendations**

- 4.1. As noted above the provision of Hospitals, including healthcare and social care facilities, is recognised in the adopted Infrastructure Funding Statement as a form of infrastructure that can be funded through CIL within Portsmouth. The Trust has confirmed in their letter of application, (Appendix A) that funding applied for will secure the delivery of the new ED as well as the following additional element:

*The capital from the community infrastructure bid would secure the delivery of the above scheme and the following much needed replacement element of equipment for the new facility:*

- *Contribution to a Canon Aquilion Prism CT Scanner Circa £950K + VAT*

*The scanner will significantly contribute to improved care and patient outcomes. The Benefits of having a scanner within the new Emergency Department will allow for direct and rapid access to radiology embedded within the ED itself, this was a clear vision for the new build, to provide rapid access to diagnostics to allow for the implementation of prompt treatment for patients as highlighted in previous CQC reports as needing improvement.*

*The Trust is in engagement with Canon and is currently undertaking early design development work to scope the room design. It is anticipated that the Trust will place the order in Autumn 2023 to allow for delivery in Summer 2024, ahead of opening the new department in November 2024.*

*Should the Trust be awarded the Circa £514k CIL applied for, the balance for this machine would be provided by Trust.*

- 4.2. Officers are satisfied that the projects and benefits described are of a type and kind that constitute community infrastructure necessary to support growth within the city and are thus capable of being funded by CIL.

#### **5. Integrated impact assessment**

- 5.1 See Appendix B.

#### **6. Legal implications**

- 6.1 Under Regulation 59(1) of the Community Infrastructure Regulations 2010 (amended ("CIL Regs"), as a charging authority, PCC must apply CIL to funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure to support the development of its area.
- 6.2 Under Regulation 59 (4) of the CIL Regs may pass CIL to another person for



that person to apply to funding [the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure.

## 7. Director of Finance's comments

- 7.1 The Council's approved Capital Strategy seeks to maximise the Capital Resources available for the Council as well as seeking to ensure the maximum flexibility in the use of any Capital Resources available. This is achieved by avoiding any "ring-fencing" of Capital Resources except where that is statutory. In achieving such flexibility, the Council has more freedom to direct Capital Resources to its highest priorities.
- 7.2 Whilst there are requirements for the use of CIL funding, there remains a reasonable degree of choice in how to apply that funding in accordance with the "infrastructure list" set out in paragraph 3.3. Accordingly, Capital Infrastructure CIL is made available to the Council each year as part of the Annual Capital Budgeting process for allocation to new Capital Schemes. The allocation of Capital Infrastructure CIL therefore is reserved for Full Council.
- 7.3 The Capital Programme approved by City Council on 28 February 2023 is not relying on the CIL receipt arising from the QA Hospital developments to fund the approved schemes within the Capital Programme. As a consequence, the amount can be awarded to QA Hospital without any impact on the current Capital Programme. However, resources available for future years' capital starts which will be approved in February 2024 will be lower by £436,893.68 than they would otherwise have been, there will be £77,098.99 less Neighbourhood CIL for Ward Members to allocate within their Ward, should they agree to make that allocation to the hospital.

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Signed by:

**Appendices:**

Appendix A - Letter of application for CIL funding from Portsmouth Hospitals Universities NHS Trust dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023



CIL Application Letter  
- CT Scanner Feb 2023:

**Background list of documents:**

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by ..... on .....

.....  
Signed by:

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**By Email and Post**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Andy,

**Community Infrastructure Levy Capital Application for the New Emergency  
Department**

I write on behalf of Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust and further to correspondence and discussions between our consultant advisors (Turley – Mervyn McFarland) and Tristan Samuels requesting an in principal agreement between our two organisations about the Community Infrastructure Levy contributions required to be made by the Trust for the new Emergency Department.

You maybe aware of a significant issue that has arisen through the application of the current Community Infrastructure Levy process to our recent planning consent at the Queen Alexandra Hospital Site. It is likely that the current situation was not intended and inadvertently rests outside the spirit of the Community Infrastructure Levy. However, the unintended consequences of the charging schedule established by the Council back in 2012 means that the hospital is facing a levy of £513,992.57 associated with the delivery of its much needed additional emergency capacity.

I cannot stress enough how significant this is in terms of its impact on my organisation's ability to continue to meet the demands of the post pandemic issues over and above the day-to-day demand that presents at our front door. As an organisation we are doing everything we can to manage the demands of the local population as well as prepare for the anticipated increases arising from the growth forecasts for Portsmouth and its surrounding area.

The Trust has applied for and is seeking a capital contribution of £513,992.57 representing 100% of the Community Infrastructure Levy to be paid on this Emergency Development and understand this will be reviewed at the Councils 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Committee meeting.

The current Community Infrastructure Levy charging process does not provide any allowance or relief for the Trust, as an organisation providing community infrastructure, or account for the financial pressure the levy would place on already stretched elements of the public purse.

The Council previously (July 2022) resolved to make a Community Infrastructure Award, equivalent in value to 100% of CIL Liability, in respect of community infrastructure outputs to be created in association with the Trust's new ward block and new multi-storey car park. The decision was predicated on a recognition of the fact that "Hospitals (including healthcare and social care facilities)" are recognised as a type of infrastructure which can be funded through CIL within Portsmouth. The items of community infrastructure identified in connection with that former award were:

- a new patient garden (part utilising the neighbourhood CIL contribution)
- the introduction of new barrier-less access to the car park reducing queues and on-site congestion whilst enabling an easier way of paying for spaces when charging is reintroduced
- the introduction of electrical car charging infrastructure (part utilising the neighbourhood CIL contribution)
- provision of improved signage and variable messaging signs for public parking information
- access improvements to the pedestrian routes between the new car park and the north entrance
- a range of further measures to promote sustainable travel

**All of which have been or are currently being implemented onsite.**

In order however to provide confidence to the City Council when considering the allocation of CIL funding in connection with the new ED, the Trust will deliver the following community infrastructure outputs:

An Emergency Department - The ED capital project is the physical expression of the Building Better Emergency Care Programme, the aim of which is to improve the emergency care patient pathways at PHU. The scope of the Emergency Department capital project is to deliver a modern up to date clinical environment that provides appropriately sized and configured accommodation to support the implementation of a new clinical model, ensuring best value for money and an ability to meet national, regional and local targets for the delivery of emergency care at the QAH.

The new Emergency Department, obtained full planning consent on 23rd March 2022 and will open ahead of Winter 2024 to the first patients in November 2024. The capital from the community infrastructure bid would secure the delivery of the above scheme and the following much needed replacement element of equipment for the new facility:

- **Contribution to a Canon Aquilion Prism CT Scanner Circa £950K + VAT**

The scanner will significantly contribute to improved care and patient outcomes. The Benefits of having a scanner within the new Emergency Department will allow for direct and rapid access to radiology embedded within the ED itself, this was a clear vision for the new build, to provide rapid access to diagnostics to allow for the implementation of prompt treatment for patients as highlighted in previous CQC reports as needing improvement.

The Trust is in engagement with Canon and is currently undertaking early design development work to scope the room design. It is anticipated that the Trust will place the order in Autumn 2023 to allow for delivery in Summer 2024, ahead of opening the new department in November 2024.

Should the Trust be awarded the Circa £514k CIL applied for, the balance for this machine would be provided by Trust

The Trust will be happy to share progress updates with regard to the procurement of the scanner with the authority as it will also the wider plans for development of the site, including the development of the new Emergency Department. Should Council officers or members wish to visit the site to view the facility, when complete, we would be happy to make appropriate arrangements.

Our understanding is that this bid will need to be sponsored by you as the relevant Director. It would be helpful to understand the timeline that follows and if you need any further information please get in touch with me directly.

Yours sincerely

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Chris Evans (Chief Operating Officer / Programme SRO Portsmouth Hospital)  
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Mervyn McFarland (Turley Planning Consultants)

<b>Form name</b>	Integrated Impact Assessment
<b>Reference</b>	IA499393201
<b>Date</b>	21/03/2023



## Policy details

<b>Request date</b>	21/03/2023 13:42
<b>Directorate</b>	Adult Services
<b>Service</b>	Adult Social Care
<b>Title of policy, service, function</b>	Application for Community Infrastructure Levy Funding
<b>Type of policy, service, function</b>	Existing
<b>What is the aim of your policy, service, function, project or strategy?</b>	Delivering essential public infrastructure
<b>Has any consultation been undertaken for this proposal?</b>	no

## Equality & diversity - will it have any positive/negative impacts on the protected characteristics?

<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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## Crime - Will it make our city safer?

<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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## Housing - will it provide good quality homes?

<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Health - will this help promote healthy, safe and independent living?**

<b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b>	The Emergency Department (ED) capital project is the physical expression of the Building Better Emergency Care Programme, the aim of which is to improve the emergency care patient pathways at Portsmouth Hospitals University Trust, (PHU). The scope of the Emergency Department capital project is to deliver a modern up to date clinical environment that provides appropriately sized and configured accommodation to support the implementation of a new clinical model, ensuring best value for money and an ability to meet national, regional and local targets for the delivery of emergency care at the QAH.
<b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b>	The ED is scheduled to open in November 2024, it's impact will be measured through NHS established performance mechanisms.

**Income deprivation and poverty - will it consider income deprivation and reduce poverty?**

<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Carbon emissions - will it reduce carbon emissions?**

<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Energy use - will it reduce energy use?**



<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Climate change mitigation and flooding - will it proactively mitigate against a changing climate and flooding?**

<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Natural environment - will it ensure public spaces are greener, more sustainable and well-maintained?**

<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Air quality - will it improve air quality?**

<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Transport - will it make transport more sustainable and safer for the whole community?**

<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Waste management - will it increase recycling and reduce the production of waste?**

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Culture and heritage - will it promote, protect and enhance our culture and heritage?**

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Employment and opportunities - will it promote the development of a skilled workforce?**

Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?	Whilst there are no current written plans, PHU is an anchor institution in the city and a major employer. Provision of essential health infrastructure requires a skilled workforce to serve the residents of the city.
How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?	Regular employment of staff into the NHS locally.

**Economy - will it encourage businesses to invest in the city, support sustainable growth and regeneration?**

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Social value**

<p><b>Please explain how your policy, service, function, project or strategy delivers Social Value</b></p>	<p>The provision of equipment in the ED enables value to the people of the city seeking emergency care.</p>
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## Involvement

<p><b>Who was involved in the Integrated impact assessment?</b></p>	<p>Written information supplied via Portsmouth Hospitals.</p>
<p><b>Name of the person completing this form</b></p>	<p>Andy Biddle</p>
<p><b>Date of completion</b></p>	<p>2023-03-21</p>

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# Agenda Item 11



**Portsmouth**  
CITY COUNCIL

**QUESTIONS FOR THE CABINET OR CHAIR  
UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 17.**

**ORDINARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 18 July 2023**

## **QUESTION NO 1**

**FROM: COUNCILLOR GEORGE FIELDING**

**TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES &  
EDUCATION  
COUNCILLOR SUZY HORTON**

Given the concerns surrounding the life expectancy of concrete in our schools, hospitals and civic buildings, can the Cabinet Member confirm if there have been any recent safety checks or structural surveys of the city's school buildings?

## **QUESTION NO 2**

**FROM: COUNCILLOR MARY VALLELY**

**TO REPLY: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL  
COUNCILLOR STEVE PITT**

Why has there been a gap of 6 months before the sports development manager will be replaced at BH Live?

### **QUESTION NO 3**

FROM: COUNCILLOR GRAHAM HEANEY

TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY WELLBEING,  
HEALTH AND CARE  
COUNCILLOR MATTHEW WINNINGTON

Can the Cabinet Member please update the Council as to any progress made by the administration on increasing GP provision locally in the city?

### **QUESTION NO 4**

FROM: COUNCILLOR SIMON BOSHER

TO REPLY: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL  
COUNCILLOR STEVE PITT

The 2023/24 budget identified the planned acquisition of Farlington Playing Fields (£500,000) as a new scheme relying on prudential borrowing. Can the Leader update the Council on the progress of this acquisition?

### **QUESTION NO 5**

FROM: COUNCILLOR MARY VALLELY

TO REPLY: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL  
COUNCILLOR STEVE PITT

Can the Leader please provide a full update as to the progress of the new Bransbury Park Leisure Centre?

## **QUESTION NO 6**

**FROM: COUNCILLOR SIMON BOSHER**

**TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, COUNCILLOR  
GERALD VERNON-JACKSON**

East Lodge Park is a residential road in Farlington serving a mixed community predominately of flats and which has been identified as a road which was not originally included in the overarching scheme to introduce 20mph speed limit circa 2006/08.

Documented maps from the original scheme highlight several other roads in Drayton and Farlington which would appear were also not included in the 20mph scheme at that time, including Lodge Avenue, Bernard Avenue and Padwick Avenue.

Will the Cabinet Member for Transport bring forward traffic regulation orders to a future portfolio meeting to make these roads 20mph?

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