



Agenda & minutes

Full Council meeting of
Tuesday, 17 October 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, 17 October 2023 at **2.45 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 18 July 2023**
(Pages 21 - 36)
- 3 To receive such communications as the Lord Mayor may desire to lay before the Council, including apologies for absence.**
- 4 Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24.**

Deputations by members of the public may be made on any item where a decision is going to be taken. The request should be made in writing to the contact officer (james.harris@portsmouthcc.gov.uk) by 12 noon of the working day before the meeting (so Monday 16 October 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.**
- 6 Appointments**

Governance & Audit & Standards Committee - Portsmouth Independents Party group appointments

Councillor Emily Strudwick to become a full member of the committee (currently a standing deputy)

Councillor George Madgwick to become a standing deputy on the committee (currently a full member of the committee)

Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel - Portsmouth Independents Party group appointments

Councillor George Madgwick to become a full member of the committee (currently a standing deputy)

Councillor Emily Strudwick to become a standing deputy on the committee (currently a full member of the committee)

Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel Chair

Council is asked to appoint a new Chair for the Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel.

Should the current Vice-Chair be appointed as Chair, Council will be invited to appoint a member of the panel to be the new Vice-Chair.

Langstone Harbour Board

Council is asked to appoint to the current Portsmouth City Council vacancy on the Langstone Harbour Board.

- 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 Sea Change (Shore Power & ZEVl update) (Pages 37 - 46)**
To receive and consider the attached report and recommendation from Cabinet held on 3 October 2023.
- 9 Tipner West & Horsea Island East Regeneration (Pages 47 - 70)**
To receive and consider the attached report and recommendation from Cabinet held on 3 October 2023.
- 10 Tipner West & Horsea Island East Regeneration - preparatory steps for likely planning and consenting processes (Pages 71 - 80)**
To receive and consider the attached report and recommendation from Cabinet held on 3 October 2023.
- 11 Portsmouth Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2023-2025 (Pages 81 - 144)**
To receive and consider the attached report and recommendation from Cabinet held on 3 October 2023.
- 12 Treasury Management Outturn Report 2022/23 (Pages 145 - 158)**
To receive and consider the attached report and recommendation from Cabinet held on 3 October 2023.
- 13 Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Pages 159 - 194)**
To receive and consider the attached report and recommendation from Governance and Audit and Standards Committee held on 20 September 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.

14 Notices of Motion

(a) Save our local rail ticket offices

Proposed by Councillor Matthew Winnington
Seconded by Councillor Darren Sanders

Portsmouth City Council notes with dismay the news that the Department for Transport and the 13 train operating companies it manages have announced plans to close almost all staffed ticket offices in England, totalling nearly 1000, following changes to the Government's guidance relating to ticket office opening hours and operation. Statutory Consultations began on 5th July and closed on 26th July.

This Council believes that ticket offices provide a vital service to residents in Portsmouth and support passenger safety, security and accessibility. Having a central place in the station for people requiring advice and assistance provides certainty and confidence for customers who may struggle to otherwise locate station staff and also acts as a point of safety for passengers. At many stations, access to facilities such as toilets and waiting rooms is reliant on ticket office staff.

Not all residents are able to use ticket vending machines or online ticketing platforms. Many journeys require human assistance to ensure customers purchase the most appropriate and cheapest tickets, and do not incur penalties from mis-booked tickets. Ticket office staff have a wealth of knowledge which ensures that customers get appropriate advice for their whole journey.

Portsmouth City Council is concerned the closure of ticket offices will disproportionately affect disabled, deaf and older residents in our city – as well as those with poor literacy and IT skills or on lower incomes. The Council also notes the possible implications for current station staff and believes that the closure of ticket offices could lead to a de-staffing of railway stations.

Council therefore resolves to:

- (i) Instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Transport, expressing Council's opposition to the possible closure of staffed railway station ticket offices – and in particular the offices at Cosham, Fratton, Portsmouth

& Southsea and Portsmouth Harbour stations;

- (ii) Instruct the Chief Executive to write to South Western Railways expressing the Council's opposition to any plans to close the staffed ticket offices at Cosham, Fratton, Portsmouth & Southsea and Portsmouth Harbour stations; and
- (iii) Request that all councillors confirm their support for ticket offices remaining open and for properly staffed railway stations.

This action will be to back up all those local Portsmouth residents that oppose the proposed ticket office closures during the statutory consultation period and to emphasise that this council has a strong corporate view on behalf of all residents of Portsmouth which should be taken into account before any decisions are made.

(b) **Opt-out HIV Testing**

Proposed by Councillor Stuart Brown
Seconded by Councillor Matthew Winnington

This council notes that:

The government has committed to ending new HIV transmissions in England by 2030.

As part of the roadmap to reaching zero by 2030, the HIV Commission recommended that opt-out HIV testing become routine across the health service.

As part of the HIV Action Plan 2022-25, the Government made £20 million available from NHS England for opt-out testing in areas classified by the UK Health Security Agency to be areas of 'very high prevalence' on HIV and 'high prevalence' areas in London.

Portsmouth is part of the next tier, as an area of high prevalence of HIV outside of London, with 2.3 people per 1000 living with HIV.*

In the Adult HIV Testing Guidelines, the British Association of Sexual Health and HIV and the British Association of HIV recommends HIV testing for all individuals who have not previously tested who are:

- Accessing healthcare in areas of *high* HIV prevalence (2–5 per 1000) and undergoing venepuncture (a blood test);
- Accessing healthcare in areas of extremely *high* HIV prevalence (>5 per 1000), whether or not they are undergoing venepuncture for another indication.

Opt-out testing has been successful. In the first eleven months of opt-out HIV testing in London, Manchester, Brighton and Blackpool, 268 people were newly diagnosed with HIV and a further 139 found who were lost to care.

Opt-out testing has also been effective in diagnosing Hepatitis B and C. In ten months, 730 people have been newly diagnosed with Hepatitis B and 299 newly diagnosed with Hepatitis C.

Opt-out HIV testing is an effective tool for addressing inequalities and finds people who don't traditionally access other ways of testing. People of Black African heritage, women and older people who are more likely to be diagnosed late are also more likely to be diagnosed through opt-out testing than other methods (for example in sexual health services or through postal testing).

Portsmouth is already working with the Royal Navy to do opt-out testing for Navy personnel, funded by Public Health at Portsmouth City Council.

Portsmouth City Council recognises:

The work that is being done to progress opt-out testing in Portsmouth by Public Health and NHS partners.

That a business case is currently being looked in to at QA Hospital to enable this testing to take place.

The support that has been given by the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board's (ICB) Chief Medical Officer for this testing last year.

The impact that opt-opt testing will have on reducing the transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.

That there is no additional funding for local hospitals to introduce this testing outside of their existing budgets.

Therefore this council resolves to:

- (i) Fully support a business case to introduce opt-out testing at Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust;
- (ii) Request the Cabinet member for Community Wellbeing, Health & Care, and the Director of Public Health write to the Secretary of State for Health & Social Care to ask for funding for opt-out HIV and hepatitis testing for Portsmouth and all other high prevalence areas;
- (iii) Propose that opt-out testing is discussed at the next

meeting of Hampshire & Isle of Wight ICB; and

- (iv) Approach Portsmouth's local MPs, local community groups, and liaise with the leadership at Southampton City Council as the other high prevalence areas in Hampshire & Isle of Wight Integrated Care System area, to mobilise a campaign to bring funding for opt-out HIV testing to the area.

*Areas with a high prevalence of HIV (2-5 people per 1000 living with HIV) outside of London are:

Luton; Leicester; Wolverhampton; Milton Keynes; Slough; Coventry; Southend-on-Sea; Birmingham; Leeds; Sandwell; Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole; Reading; Derby; Bedford; Thurrock; Southampton; Peterborough; Bristol; Walsall; West Northamptonshire; Rochdale; Nottingham; Portsmouth; Liverpool; Tameside; Stoke-on-Trent; Bury; Bolton; North Northamptonshire; Trafford; Torbay.

(c) **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:
 1. '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]
 2. 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 welcome the decision of the cabinet to continue support for the Portsmouth Stroke Recovery Service until December 2024 and asks the relevant cabinet member(s) to continue to lobby the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board to establish a care pathway for stroke survivors by December 2024;
- (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) To request that Portsmouth City Council reviews budgets and considers the wider financial, economic, social and wellbeing 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.

[5] As above.

(d) **Continuing support of Portsmouth Pride**

Proposed by Councillor George Fielding
Seconded by Councillor 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, seeks to recognise the annual Portsmouth Pride as an important event in the city's calendar;
- (ii) To request that Cabinet explores the possibility of allocating funding for Portsmouth Pride within Portsmouth City Council's annual budget, to support Portsmouth's

LGBT+ community; and

- (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.

(e) **Debate Not Hate**

Proposed by Councillor Leonie Oliver
Seconded by Councillor Emily Strudwick

The intimidation and abuse of Councillors, in person or otherwise, undermines democracy, preventing elected members from representing the communities they serve, deterring individuals from standing for elections, and undermining public life in democratic processes.

This Council notes that increasing levels of toxicity in public and political discourse is having a detrimental impact on local democracy and that prevention, support, and responses to abuse and intimidation of local politicians must improve to ensure Councillors feel safe and able to continue representing their residents.

Portsmouth City Council therefore commits to challenge the normalisation of abuse against Councillors and Council officers and uphold exemplary standards of public life and political debate in all it does. To support this, the Local Government Association has launched its Debate Not Hate campaign with the aim to raise public awareness of the role of Councillors in local communities, encourage healthy debate and improve the response to and support those in public life facing abuse and intimidation.

Therefore, Full Council resolves:

- (i) that the Council signs up to the Local Government Association's Debate Not Hate campaign;

- (ii) that the Leader of the Council writes to the local Members of Parliament to ask them to support the Debate Not Hate campaign;
- (iii) that the Leader of the Council writes to the Government to ask them to work with the Local Government Association to develop and implement a plan to address abuse and intimidation of politicians;
- (iv) that a reminder goes out to all Councillors and officers of the process of how to report incidents of harassment and abuse;
- (v) that the support available and relevant training to Councillors in relation to abuse and intimidation and Councillor safety is included as part of the 2024 Member Induction Programme and also offered to all current members of the Council;
- (vi) to work with the police to make sure that there is a clear and joined-up mechanism for reporting threats and other concerns regarding the safety of Councillors, officers and their families and discuss the need to take a preventative approach that accounts for the specific risks that they face, as they do with other high-risk individuals such as MPs; and
- (vii) to take a zero-policy approach to abuse of all Councillors and Council officers.

(f) **Introduce a Parental Leave Policy for Portsmouth City Council Councillors**

Proposed by: Councillor Charlotte Gerada

Seconded by: Councillor Graham Heaney

This council notes:

- That data released by the Fawcett Society shows that only 34 percent of councillors elected in the bumper May 2021 local elections were women, meaning that only 35 percent of councillors overall in 2021 were women. The data shows that if this continues at a similar rate, we won't reach equality in local government until 2077 [1];
- As of the May 2023 local elections in Portsmouth, the number of women councillors went down, from 13 to just 10 out of 42 councillors;
- As of February 2022, 33 councils have passed the LGA

Labour Group's Parental Leave policy [2], and an additional 7 councils have their own parental leave policy in place;

- In 2019, the LGA co-produced the 21st Century Council's Equalities Toolkit with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. The toolkit recommends that councils adopt a parental leave policy, and they link to the LGA Labour's Parental Leave policy as a model to adopt [3];

This council believes:

- That the role of a councillor should be open to all, regardless of their background, and that introducing a parental leave policy is a step towards encouraging a wider range of people to become councillors, and is also a step to encourage existing councillors who may want to start a family to remain as councillors;
- That parental leave must apply to parents regardless of their gender or sexuality, and that it should also cover adoption leave to support those parents who choose to adopt.

This council resolves:

- (i) To recommend that Cabinet consider adopting a parental leave policy as suggested by the LGA Labour Group's Women's Taskforce to give all councillors an equal entitlement to parental leave after giving birth or adopting or becoming a parent upon whatever legal basis, thereby ensuring that councillors with children and other caring commitments are supported as appropriate;
- (ii) That the CEO notifies the LGA that this council has passed a motion at full council to recommend that Cabinet consider adopting a parental leave policy;
- (iii) To promote the existing Carers Allowance policy to support councillors to attend meetings and events; and
- (iv) To task the relevant Portfolio Member in conjunction with relevant officers to work up and scope a proposed policy to be moved to Cabinet for consideration, such policy to be produced having considered the LGA model as referred to within the below references.

References

[1] The Fawcett Society, 2021, 'We won't see gender equality in local councils until 2077 – new data shows',
<https://www.fawcettsociety.org.uk/news/local-council-data-2021>

[2] LGA Labour, 'Parental leave policy for councils':
<https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-labour/our-work/parental-leave-policy-councillors/parental-leave-policy-councils>

[3] The Local Government Association, March 2019, 'Twenty-first Century Councils': <https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/twenty-first-century-councils>

(g) **Bringing Community Wardens back to the North of the City**

Proposed by Councillor Chris Dike
Seconded by Councillor George Madgwick

This Council notes that Community Wardens are a valuable asset to the city. Many years ago Community Wardens would be stationed at different key buildings throughout the entire city so they had the ability to respond rapidly and be available within the communities when required. During cost saving measures the Community Warden staffing numbers were cut and they were relocated out of communities and into the civic offices.

Communities across the north of the city had strong ties and relationships with their local Community Wardens. Communities across the north of the city now feel that they don't see local Community Wardens anymore and they'd like a presence and base returned to the north of the city.

There are many suitable bases, such as Paulsgrove Housing Office, that could be used to relocate a small number of Community Wardens so that they are based equally in both the north and south of the city.

Therefore, Full Council resolves:

to ask the Cabinet Member for Community Safety to look at the possibility of relocating a small team of wardens to the north of the city for a trial period. It is asked that an answer to this proposal, along with a plan, is reported back to all councillors in the north of the city before March 2024.

(h) **Celebrating 60 years of twinning between Portsmouth and Haifa**

Proposed by Councillor Matthew Atkins
Seconded by Councillor Yinka Adeniran

Portsmouth City Council resolves to note with celebration the 60th Anniversary of its twinning link with the Israeli city of Haifa which passed this summer. The cities were first twinned in 1963 in part in recognition of the Naval link between the cities which continues to this day. At the time many Israeli naval personnel were visiting the city to train with the Royal Navy.

The success of the twinning proposal was also due to the tenure as Lord Mayor of Harry Sotnick, a prominent member of the Portsmouth Jewish community and a former city councillor known for his steps in increasing care provision for the elderly.

The city council further

- (i) Offers its thanks and gratitude to the volunteer members of the Haifa Committee for their ongoing hard work in organising celebration events in November to mark this occasion;
 - (ii) Calls on the Council Administration to do everything it can to support and publicize these efforts. Including, if necessary, with modest and appropriate financial support, potentially from the Leader's budget or reserves of the Council;
 - (iii) Calls on the administration to organise a display of artefacts gifted to the City Council which celebrate the twinning with Haifa and the history of the Jewish Community in Portsmouth;
 - (iv) Offers its thanks to the congregation of the Portsmouth and Southsea Synagogue and the wider Jewish Community in Portsmouth for their invaluable contribution to the Civic Life of the City; and
 - (v) Calls on the Lord Mayor and all group leaders to write to the Mayor of Haifa offering the warmest regards of the City Council to the people of Haifa and celebrating the continuing friendship of the two cities.
- (i) **Ensuring Varied and Sustainable Synthetic Pitch Provision in Portsmouth**

Proposed by Councillor Matthew Atkins
Seconded by Councillor John Smith

In recent years Portsmouth, like the rest of England, has seen a substantial switch from traditional sand based astroturf to so called '3G' artificial surfaces. The majority of these pitches are 'long pile' and use a rubber crumb filling to support the reinforce the synthetic turf. While the increase in the number of sports in Portsmouth facilities and the modernisation of pitches is in general to be welcomed, this transition to '3G' is having some significant negative drawbacks.

The most serious is the substantial impact on Hockey provision in the city. The recent closure of the University sand-based Astroturf pitch at Langstone has highlighted that the only similar City Council or public provision is through Admiral Lord Nelson school, which has a single suitable pitch which now services both school sports

and nearly 20 Portsmouth Hockey Club teams. This has left the club unable to find sufficient provision in Portsmouth and they are having to travel out of the city to find suitable training and match facilities.

Council regrets that the club has been forced into this position and reaffirms its support for Hockey provision as a valuable part of the sporting excellence of the city.

Further it has been recognised that rubber crumb contributes to the release of microplastics into the environment and so may face a future prohibition by the European Union or domestic legislation. At present there is not an approved alternative technology to replace this microplastic in a cost-efficient way.

While all synthetic pitches contribute to some degree to the loss of grass and soak away space, there is a valuable leisure benefit. The council has already commissioned a number of synthetic pitches in recent years and will likely do so in the future and this motion is intended to inform any future discussions around synthetic pitch provision in the city.

A firmer, shorter pile form of synthetic pitch also provides a different experience which can be more suitable for children and casual sports users who do not necessarily want the increased scope for contact and 'going to ground' that 3G pitches provide.

A focus on '3G' provision has left Portsmouth, and many other parts of England, with pitch provision which lacks diversification and therefore at risk of not providing for all present and future needs. While most wheelchair sport uses hard surfaces, sand based AstroTurf is suitable while 3G sometimes is not due to the pile length, and wheelchair users have reported being incorrectly refused access to 3G surfaces. The city should aim to ensure it can provide the full range of necessary surfaces for different sport and recreation in the city, and should also ensure it is keeping up to date with emerging technologies which merge synthetic support with natural grass.

This motion calls on the administration to ensure that the strategy for playing fields in the city is not over-reliant on a single synthetic surface type and that there are plans in place for diverse provision which is suitable for the full range of sporting activities that residents may wish to enjoy, and which is kept up to date with newer more environmentally friendly options.

Portsmouth City Council resolves to ask the administration to

- (i) consider where new provision of sand-based AstroTurf (or another surface which is approved by England Hockey and diversifies the facilities in the city), might be sited in the future;

- (ii) hold discussions with Admiral Lord Nelson School, the Portsmouth Hockey Club, the Mountbatten Centre and other stakeholders about possible expansion of their facilities to provide more varied pitch surfaces; and
- (iii) carefully consider the type of surface used in any new developments such as the proposed new centre at Bransbury Park.

(j) **Male Sanitary Bins**

Proposed by Councillor Ryan Brent
 Seconded by Councillor Lewis Gosling

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men. 1 in 8 men will be diagnosed, rising to 1 in 4 for Black men. As many as 69% of those treated with surgery may experience urinary incontinence as a result. 1 in 25 men aged over 40 will experience some form of urinary leakage every year. 1 in 20 men aged 60 or over will experience bowel incontinence in the UK.

Men who need to dispose of their sanitary waste (including incontinence pads, pouches, stoma, catheter, colostomy, ileostomy waste by-products) often have no direct access to a sanitary bin in male toilets. A survey of men living with incontinence reveals that 95% feel anxiety due to a lack of sanitary bins in men's toilets for disposing of pads hygienically. Nearly one third of men surveyed have been forced to carry their own waste in a bag.

This Council believes that men should be able to safely and hygienically dispose of incontinence products easily and with dignity wherever they go and that men who need to dispose of their sanitary waste should have direct access to a sanitary bin in male toilets.

Therefore, the Council resolves to support Prostate Cancer UK's 'Boys need Bins' campaign by requesting:

- (i) the Cabinet to consider a report for decision as soon as reasonably practicable on the provision of at least one sanitary bin in all council male toilets – both public and in council buildings;
- (ii) the leaders of all parties send a letter to businesses within Portsmouth that aims to encourage other providers of public and workplace toilets to make male sanitary bins available in their facilities; and
- (iii) the Leader to send a letter on behalf of the council to both Portsmouth MPs asking them to support Prostate

Cancer UK's 'Boys need Bins' campaign and their request for Government to update any necessary regulations to ensure that 'suitable means for the disposal of sanitary dressings' is provided in all toilets.

(k) **Rail Safety**

Proposed by Councillor Hannah Brent
Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier

The death of Jake Norman at Cosham railway station caused shock waves across our entire community. This was a tragic incident and epitomises the impact that fatal accidents on train tracks have on many individuals and groups across our communities.

The council commends the work that Network Rail is undertaking to reduce fatalities, including the suicide prevention programme and other railway safety campaigns around topics containing trespass and level crossing misuse. However, the fatalities that occur on the rail infrastructure from trespassing need further addressing.

Since 2017, 132 individuals have died as a result of trespassing, across all rail networks within Great Britain, and severe hospital admissions have risen by over 30% annually with a total of 211 people impacted within the six-year period.

The council resolves that further rail safety awareness is necessary. This will highlight the dangers associated with the rail infrastructure to all schools and colleges within Portsmouth and aim to prevent any further loss of life from fatal accidents.

Therefore, the council Resolves:

- (i) To request that the leaders of all parties send a letter to Network Rail and British Transport Police to develop bespoke awareness training for our local schools and colleges;
- (ii) To request that the Cabinet Member for Children and Families use the Portsmouth Education Partnership to facilitate a consistent approach to awareness training relating to rail safety across the city; and
- (iii) To request that the Cabinet member for Traffic and Transport to engage with Network Rail to identify areas of the rail network within Portsmouth that require safety improvements, which include possible access point locations onto railway lines. To bring a report back to full council with an action plan of prevention improvements.

15 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17.
(Pages 195 - 196)

Natalie Brahma-Pearl
Chief Executive

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