

NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET

TUESDAY, 21 JUNE 2022 AT 12.00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER - THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH

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Membership

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE (Chair)

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Councillor Kimberly Barrett

Councillor Darren Sanders

Councillor Lynne Stagg

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Councillor Lee Hunt

Councillor Steve Pitt

Councillor Matthew Winnington

Information with regard to public access due to Covid precautions

- Following the government announcement 'Living with COVID-19' made on 21 February and the end of universal free testing from 1st April, attendees are no longer required to undertake an asymptomatic/ lateral flow test within 48 hours of the meeting however we still encourage attendees to follow the PH precautions we have followed over the last two years to protect themselves and others including vaccination and taking a lateral flow test should they wish.

- We strongly recommend that attendees should be double vaccinated and have received a booster.

- If symptomatic we encourage you not to attend the meeting but to stay at home. Updated government guidance from 1 April advises people with a respiratory infection, a high temperature and who feel unwell, to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature. From 1 April, anyone with a positive COVID-19 test result is being advised to follow this guidance for five days, which is the period when you are most infectious.

- We encourage all attendees to wear a face covering while moving around crowded areas of the Guildhall.

- Although not a legal requirement, attendees are strongly encouraged to keep a social distance and take opportunities to prevent the spread of infection by following the 'hands, face, space' and 'catch it, kill it, bin it' advice that also protects us from other winter viruses.

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- Those not participating in the meeting and wish to view proceedings are encouraged to do so remotely via the livestream link.

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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 (above) by 12 noon of the working day before the meeting, and must include the purpose of the deputation (for example, for or against the recommendations). Email requests are accepted.

A G E N D A

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interests

3 Record of Previous Decision Meeting - (Pages 7 - 18)

A copy of the record of the previous decisions taken at Cabinet on 22 March 2022 is attached.

4 Exclusion of Press and Public

RECOMMENDED that under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985, the press and public be excluded for the consideration of the following item on the grounds that the report(s) contain information defined as exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972.

The public interest in maintaining the exemption must outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information.

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) England Regulations 2012, regulation 5, the reasons for exemption of the listed item is shown below.

Members of the public may make representation as to why the item should be held in open session. A statement of the Council's response to representations received will be given at the meeting so that this can be taken into account when members decide whether or not to deal with the item under exempt business.

(NB The exempt/ confidential committee papers on the agenda will contain information which is commercially, legally or personally sensitive and should not be divulged to third parties. Members are reminded of standing order restrictions on the disclosure of exempt information and are invited to return their exempt documentation to the Local Democracy Officer at the conclusion of the meeting for shredding).

Item	Paragraph
Provision of Waste Collection Services - appendices 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6	3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

5 Provision of Waste Collection Services (Pages 19 - 36)

Purpose

To provide Cabinet with the information required to inform the decision on the future delivery method for provision of waste collection services in the City at the end of the current contract period and sets out the implementation timescales involved in the various options.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 Cabinet is asked to consider the options for the City's future waste collection service with careful consideration of the opportunities and risks, including the financial consequence to the City Council for each option. Cabinet has made it clear to officers that their preference is to bring the service back in house. In this case it is a finely balanced judgement, and this report seeks a decision on the delivery model from Cabinet.**
 - Waste collection services are brought 'in house'**
 - Waste collection services are subject to procurement for an external contractor**
- 2 Cabinet notes that either of the options will require the work to implement the decision to start immediately to ensure service continuity.**
- 3 Cabinet takes this opportunity to commend the work of the PCC (Portsmouth City Council) waste management team and the contractor, BIFFA municipal for their response to the pandemic in maintaining the City's collection services, noting the largely uninterrupted service delivery throughout the pandemic, and additionally the impressive delivery of service improvements throughout the pandemic, including the roll out of additional food waste rounds.**

6 Response to the Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel review of the Procedures and Performance of Portsmouth City Council and Housing Associations in Relation to Response Repairs and Maintenance. (Pages 37 - 72)

Purpose.

The purpose of this report is to set out the response of officers to the Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel's recommendations arising from a review of procedures and performance of Portsmouth City Council (PCC) and Housing Associations in relation to response repairs and maintenance.

RECOMMENDED that:

- 1. The Panel is thanked for its work in undertaking the review.**
- 2. The Cabinet notes and supports the recommendations of the review, which are listed in section 4 of the report and response of officers.**

7 Portsmouth City Council - Gas Contract - Update to the Report of March 2022 (Pages 73 - 90)

Purpose.

1. To update Cabinet as to the changes in structure of Gazprom Marketing and Trading Limited ("Gazprom M&T") trading as Gazprom Energy and the control of their parent company, Gazprom Germania, since the Cabinet decision in March 2022.
2. To provide context, evidence and reassurance that conditions have significantly changed since March 2022, and that further, positive developments are likely in the coming weeks and months.
3. To provide evidence that Gazprom M&T, nor its parent company Gazprom Germania, are directly buying Russian gas.
4. To show that many of the risks associated with terminating the existing corporate gas contract ("the Contract") highlighted in the report to Cabinet in March 2022 (Appendix A of this report), remain.
5. In light of these changes to approve recommendations which amends the decision made by Cabinet in March 2022, which instructed officers to terminate the contract with Gazprom M&T.

RECOMMENDED that

- 1. Consider the content of this report, particularly the breakage of the link between Gazprom M&T with the Russian state, which was made by the change in ownership of the single shareholder; from the Russian Federation to Gazprom Germania on the 4th April 2022.**
- 2. Notes the change in control of Gazprom Germania, the parent company and single shareholder of Gazprom M&T, enacted by the German Government resulting in Gazprom Germania being under the control of the German Federal Network Agency 4th April 2022.**
- 3. Cabinet notes that Gazprom M&T are not placing direct orders for Russian gas.**
- 4. Cabinet notes that Gazprom Germania is not directly placing orders for Russian gas and is prevented from doing so, should it wish to, by Russian sanctions.**
- 5. Cabinet notes the financial and legal risk, detailed within this paper and the paper of March 2022, associated with terminating the**

Contract in June 2022.

- 6. Cabinet instructs officers in light of the changed circumstances not to terminate the Contract with Gazprom M&T on or before the 30th June 2022, in line with the contract conditions.**

8 Household Support Fund Report for Gold (Pages 91 - 100)

Purpose.

To outline the assistance being provided to residents of Portsmouth in financial hardship, making use of the Household Support Fund made available by the Department for Work and Pensions.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet note the report.

9 Air Quality Quarterly Report

This report will follow.

10 Appointments to Outside Bodies & Member Champion Appointments (Pages 101 - 146)

Purpose.

To agree appointments to represent the council on the governing bodies of the outside organisations listed in Appendix 1 for the 2022/ 23 municipal year.

RECOMMENDED that

- 1. Cabinet agrees appointments to represent the Council on those outside organisations set out in Appendix 1 for the 2022/23 municipal year; and**
- 2. Cabinet agrees Member Champion positions and appointments for the 2022/23 municipal year.**

11 Modern Slavery Statement (Pages 147 - 172)

Purpose.

The purpose of this report is to provide context to the council's Modern Slavery Transparency Statement, progress against the improvement plan and to seek approval to publish the statement on the council's website (appendix 1).

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet approves:

- 1. The Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement for the signature of the Leader and publication on the council's website (see appendix 1) and**
- 2. The programme of work set out in item 10 of this report.**
- 3. Full Council is asked to note the decision of the cabinet to approve and publish the statement.**

12 King George V Playing Fields Development (Pages 173 - 180)

Purpose

To update the Cabinet on progress with development of the proposed new all-weather pitches and pavilion at King George V Playing Fields (the "Scheme"); and to seek necessary delegations to enable the Scheme to continue moving forward in a timely fashion.

RECOMMENDED that Cabinet:

- i. Note progress with the King George V Playing Fields Scheme and plans for continued development of the Scheme;**
- ii. Delegate authority to the Director of Finance and Resources to authorise the entering into a grant agreement for the Scheme that includes a clawback period (in the event that the facilities are no longer be used for the activities the grant was awarded for) once the final terms and conditions of funding are known; and**
- iii. Authorise the formal advertising of disposal of open space, which will be the result of granting a lease to an operator.**

13 TECS Scrutiny Panel Recommendations - A Review into the Accessibility of the Transport Network (Pages 181 - 240)

Purpose.

The purpose of this report is to set out the response of officers to the Traffic, Environment and Community Safety (TECS) Scrutiny Panel's recommendations arising from a review into the accessibility of Portsmouth's transport network.

RECOMMENDED that Cabinet:

- 1. Thank the panel for its work in undertaking the review;**
- 2. Note and support the 40 recommendations of the review, which are listed in section 4 and appendix B of the report;**
- 3. Note and support the recommendations listed in 4.2.1 to 4.2.30 which are in progress and the responses from of officers detailing how these are being met;**
- 4. Note and support recommendations listed in 4.3.1 to 4.3.10 and the officers comments that these be accepted and actioned only once funding and resources are identified.**

14 QA Emergency Ward Support

This report will follow.

15 Milton Neighbourhood Plan

This report will follow.

16 National Bus Strategy - Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme

This report will follow.