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# NOTICE OF MEETING

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## SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT PANEL

**TUESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 2.30 PM (OR THE CONCLUSION OF CABINET IF LATER)**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH**

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## Membership

Councillor Matthew Atkins (Chair)  
Councillor Graham Heaney (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Dave Ashmore  
Councillor Stuart Brown  
Councillor Cal Corkery

Councillor Mark Jeffery  
Councillor Leo Madden  
Councillor Scott Payter-Harris  
Councillor Gemma New

## Standing Deputies

Councillor Simon Boshier  
Councillor George Fielding  
Councillor Ian Holder  
Councillor Abdul Kadir

Councillor Judith Smyth  
Councillor Linda Symes  
Councillor Daniel Wemyss

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## Public health guidance for staff and the public due to Winter coughs, colds and viruses, including Covid-19

- Following the government announcement 'Living with Covid-19' made on 21 February and the end of universal free testing from 1<sup>st</sup> April, attendees are no longer required to undertake any asymptomatic/ lateral flow test within 48 hours of the meeting; however, we still encourage attendees to follow the public health precautions we have followed over the last two years to protect themselves and others including vaccination and taking a lateral flow test should they wish.
- We strongly recommend that attendees should be double vaccinated and have received any boosters they are eligible for.
- If unwell we encourage you not to attend the meeting but to stay at home. Updated government guidance from 1 April 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

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temperature. From 1 April, anyone with a positive Covid-19 test result is still being advised to follow this guidance for five days, which is the period when you are most infectious.

- We encourage all attendees to wear a face covering while moving around crowded areas of the Guildhall.
  - Although not a legal requirement, attendees are strongly encouraged to keep a social distance and take opportunities to prevent the spread of infection by following the 'hands, face, space' and 'catch it, kill it, bin it' advice that protects us from coughs, colds and winter viruses, including Covid-19.
  - Hand sanitiser is provided at the entrance and throughout the Guildhall. All attendees are encouraged to make use of hand sanitiser on entry to the Guildhall.
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## **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for Absence**
- 2 Declarations of Members' Interests**
- 3 Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Planning Policy & City Development on 26 July 2022 in respect of item 4 on that agenda "Options for increasing Planning Committee Capacity."- Call-in (Pages 5 - 28)**

The purpose of this report is to request the Panel to review the decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Planning Policy & City Development on 26 July 2022 in respect of item 4 on that agenda 'Options for increasing Planning Committee Capacity'. A copy of the Decision Notice for the meeting is attached as Appendix 3 to this report.

Councillors Ryan Brent, Benedict Swann, Lee Mason, Lewis Gosling and Daniel Wemyss have asked that the decision be called in for scrutiny on the basis that they believe that the decision may have been taken without adequate information.

The Lead Call-in Member is Councillor Ryan Brent. The Cabinet Member is Councillor Lee Hunt, Cabinet Member for Planning Policy & City Development.

The decision today is for the panel to determine whether the Cabinet Member's decision has been taken without adequate information.

If the panel is satisfied that the decision was taken with adequate information being supplied to enable the Cabinet Member to reach his decision, then no further action is required and the matter ends here. If the panel is not satisfied on these grounds, the panel may refer the matter back to the decision maker (or in this instance as a constitutional matter the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee) for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns that are to be addressed in conjunction with the original matter.

A report by the City Solicitor is attached with the following documents as appendices:

**Appendix 1** - Call in Request (redacted)

**Appendix 2** - Supporting information submitted in respect of the Call in

**Appendix 3** - Decision Notice for 26 July 2022 Planning Policy & City Development meeting

**Appendix 4** - 'Options for increasing Planning Committee capacity' report considered by the Cabinet Member for Planning Policy & City Development on 26 July 2022

**Appendix 5** - Call in procedure guidance

The relevant members and officers will be in attendance.

**RECOMMENDED that the Panel is requested to consider the evidence and decide whether to resolve either:**

**(1) that no action should be taken in respect of the decision made by the Cabinet Member on 26 July 2022; or**

**(2) that the matter be referred back to the decision maker (or as a constitutional matter the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee) for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns that are to be addressed in conjunction with the original matter.**

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