



Portsmouth
CITY COUNCIL



Agenda & minutes

Full Council meeting of
Tuesday, 16 July 2024

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AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the Council Chamber - The Guildhall, Portsmouth on Tuesday, 16 July 2024 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:-

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- 1 **Declaration of Members' Interests**
- 2 **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 14 May 2024 and the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 28 May 2024 (Pages 7 - 34)**
- 3 **Apologies for Absence**
- 4 **To receive such communications as the Lord Mayor may desire to lay before the Council**
- 5 **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 15 July 2024 for this meeting), and must include the purpose of the deputation (for example, for or against the recommendations). Email requests are accepted.
- 6 **Questions from the Public under Standing Order 25. (Pages 35 - 36)**
- 7 **Appointments**
Twining Advisory Group

Council is asked to consider the appointment of Councillor Charlotte Gerada and Councillor Russell Simpson to the Twining Advisory Group.
- 8 **Urgent Business - To receive and consider any urgent and important business from Members of the Cabinet in accordance with Standing Order No 26.**
- 9 **Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement (Pages 37 - 62)**

To receive and consider the attached report and recommendation to note for information only from Cabinet held on 25 June 2024.
- 10 **Pavement Licences - Business and Planning Act 2020 and Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (Pages 63 - 98)**

To receive and consider the attached report and recommendation (to follow) from the Licensing Committee held on 8 July 2024.

11 Re-appointment of Independent Persons (Pages 99 - 102)

To receive and consider the attached report and recommendation (to follow) from the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee held on 10 July 2024.

12 Appointment of Statutory Scrutiny Officer (Pages 103 - 106)

To receive and consider the attached report from the City Solicitor.

13 Submission to the Boundary Commission (Pages 107 - 164)

To receive and consider the attached report from the Chief Executive.

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) **SEN Provision in Portsmouth**

Proposed by: Councillor Mary Vallely
Seconded by: Councillor Tom Coles

Portsmouth schools are struggling with an increase in the need for Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision.

More children are being failed due to increasing diagnosis and acceptance of conditions, but schools cannot keep up with this increase and funding is hard to allocate due to years of Local Authority cuts from central government.

This Council notes the hard work of officers with regard to increasing and improving SEN provision in Portsmouth.

This Council notes the inconsistency in SEN provision across the schools in Portsmouth.

This Council notes the reduction in Local Authority oversight in schools due to the introduction of the Academy system and reduction in Local Authority education budgets associated with Multi Academy Trusts taking over schools in the city.

The Council requests the Cabinet ascertain the feasibility of implementing a SEN Advisory Board, bringing together Members, educators, parents, SMEs and MAT representatives.

This Council calls upon the Cabinet Member for Children, Family and Education to write to the Secretary of State for Education to request the government investigate the adequacy of SEN provision

nationally.

(b) **Shortage of ADHD Medication**

Proposed by Councillor Tom Coles
Seconded by Councillor Graham Heaney

Due to increasing numbers of children and adults diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), the medication required to improve symptoms has suffered supply issues for several years.

As most of the medication used in the UK for ADHD is manufactured within the European Union, the supply issues have been exacerbated by the UK leaving the EU.

Many of the Portsmouth residents who have ADHD are suffering in silence due to a lack of supply and a lack of urgency in improving supply.

Those with ADHD are having to spend time and energy contacting different pharmacies to ascertain their stock availability. This is having a severe impact on mental health and increasing feelings of the condition not being taken seriously.

This Council notes the negative impact medication supply shortages have on those with ADHD in Portsmouth.

This Council calls upon the Leader of the Council and Group Leaders to write to the Government to ask what they are going to do to improve supply.

This Council calls upon the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing to write to the local Integrated Care Board (ICB) to request a meeting to discuss this issue and possible improvements that may be made.

This Council requests that the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing contact local GP surgeries and pharmacies to ascertain the feasibility of sharing best practice in this matter and the sharing of stock availabilities to reduce the negative impact on the mental health of Portsmouth residents with ADHD.

15 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17.
(Pages 165 - 166)

Natalie Brahma-Pearl
Chief Executive

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