

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