

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Guildhall
Portsmouth on Tuesday, 15 May 2018 at 2.30 pm

Council Members Present

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor
Councillor Lee Mason (in the Chair)

Councillors

Dave Ashmore	Hugh Mason
Simon Boshier	Stephen Morgan MP
Jennie Brent	Gemma New
Ryan Brent	Robert New
Tom Coles	Steve Pitt
Yahiya Chowdhury	Will Purvis
Ben Dowling	Darren Sanders
Ken Ellcome	Jeanette Smith
Jason Fazackarley	Judith Smyth
John Ferrett	Lynne Stagg
George Fielding	Luke Stubbs
James Fleming	Ben Swann
David Fuller	David Tompkins
Scott Payter-Harris	Claire Udy
Hannah Hockaday	Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Jo Hooper	Steve Wemyss
Suzy Horton	Matthew Winnington
Frank Jonas BEM	Neill Young
Donna Jones	Rob Wood
Ian Lyon	Tom Wood
Leo Madden	

The Lord Mayor welcomed everyone to the second part of today's meeting. He welcomed back, Councillor Fazackarley who had been re-elected after a break in office, all re-elected Councillors and also the newly-elected councillors:- Councillors Jeanette Smith, George Fielding, Claire Udy, Ben Swann, Tom Coles, Jo Hooper and Judith Smyth.

The Lord Mayor provided details of the rules relating to filming council proceedings.

The Lord Mayor then gave detailed information on the evacuation procedure.

38. Members' Interests

There were no declarations of members' interests.

39. Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 March 2018

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones

Seconded by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

That the minutes of the ordinary council meeting held on 20 March 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary council meeting held on 20 March 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

40. Communications and Apologies

The Lord Mayor advised that no apologies had been received.

He then referred to the new seating plan which had been circulated in the chamber and is effective from this meeting. He also advised that members had been provided with a revised Standing Order booklet which had been updated to reflect previously agreed changes.

41. Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24

The Lord Mayor advised that there were no deputations.

42. Office of Leader of the Council

Under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the current Leader of the City Council, Councillor Donna Jones will remain in office until May 2020 unless she

(a) resigns from the office

(b) is no longer a councillor

(c) is removed from office by resolution of the council.

Councillor Donna Jones explained that she wished to tender her resignation as leader as she did not have an outright mandate. She explained she would immediately re-stand for election as Leader of the City Council. She said that she considered this course of action to be fair and democratic so that council could decide on a leader going forward.

The Lord Mayor invited nominations for Leader of the City Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Steve Pitt

Seconded by Councillor Hugh Mason

That Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson be appointed Leader of the City Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor John Ferrett
Seconded by Councillor Luke Stubbs

That Councillor Donna Jones be appointed as Leader of the City Council.

Upon being put to the vote, a majority voted in favour of Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson being appointed as Leader of the City Council.

RESOLVED that Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson be appointed as Leader of the City Council.

Councillor Vernon-Jackson then gave an acceptance speech and thanked the previous administration for all its hard work and gave a brief overview of his vision for Portsmouth going forward.

Councillor Jones responded by congratulating Councillor Vernon-Jackson on becoming Leader of the City Council. She thanked staff across the whole organisation for all their hard work during the time she had been Leader and also paid tribute to all Conservative councillors and especially to those who served on the Cabinet.

Council adjourned at 2.50 pm.

Council resumed at 4.20 pm.

43. In accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, to receive details from the Leader of the Council regarding Cabinet members and portfolios for the ensuing Municipal Year

The Lord Mayor explained that the Council Leader is empowered to determine the number of councillors on the Cabinet and decide portfolios and portfolio remits and to select one of the appointed members to the position of Deputy Leader. The Leader then announced his Cabinet. The names of the Cabinet together with membership of the Health & Wellbeing Board which is in the gift of the Leader was circulated (attached to these minutes as Appendix 1).

The Leader advised that his Deputy Leader would be Councillor Steve Pitt.

He thanked the previous Liberal Democrat Deputy Group Leader, Councillor Hugh Mason for the way in which he had carried out the role over many years and paid tribute to him for his hard work.

The appointments for the Health & Wellbeing Board were circulated in the chamber.

RESOLVED

- (1) that Council noted that there will be ten portfolios (including the Leader) for the ensuing municipal year as set out in Appendix 1 attached to these minutes;**
- (2) that Council noted the membership of the Health & Wellbeing Board for the ensuing municipal year also as set out in Appendix 1 attached to these minutes.**

The Lord Mayor proposed and the Council agreed to take agenda items 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 together - namely proportional representation on committees and panels and consequent appointments of members and standing deputies, chairs and vice-chairs and other appointments.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones
Seconded by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

To adopt the overall political balance and allocation of seats schedule circulated in the chamber and to agree the membership of the committees and panels, standing deputies, chairs and vice-chairs of committees and panels, including appointments and other appointments.

Upon being put to the vote the Council agreed all the appointments.

	Strength	# Seats	Lic	Plan	Reg/Scrut	SMP
Conservative	19	34	7	4	19	4
Liberal Democrat	16	29	6	4	16	3
Labour	5	9	2	1	5	1
Non-Aligned Independent Claire Udy	1	2	0	1	1	0
Non-Aligned Independent John Ferrett	1	2	0	0	1	1
	42	76	15	10	42	9

RESOLVED (1) the total number of seats on committees and panels be divided among the political groups and individual members as applicable in accordance with Table 1 above.

RESOLVED (2) that any other bodies subject to the political proportionality rules be appointed in accordance with the proportions shown in Table 1.

RESOLVED (3) that the following committees and panels be appointed with the membership as shown together with the standing deputies and chairs and vice-chairs where appropriate as indicated.

Licensing Committee

15 Members and 3 standing deputies per group represented

Group	Position for 2018-19	Member for 2018-19
Conservative		Hannah Hockaday
Conservative		Scott Payter-Harris
Conservative	Vice Chair	Ian Lyon
Conservative		David Tompkins
Conservative		Gemma New
Conservative		Ben Swann
Conservative		Robert New
Liberal Democrat	Chair	David Fuller
Liberal Democrat		Steve Pitt
Liberal Democrat		Dave Ashmore
Liberal Democrat		Jason Fazackarley
Liberal Democrat		Darren Sanders
Liberal Democrat		Leo Madden
Labour		George Fielding
Labour		Tom Coles
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ryan Brent
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Jo Hooper
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Steve Wemyss
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Rob Wood
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Gerald Vernon-Jackson
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Hugh Mason
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	

Planning Committee

10 Members and 5 standing deputies per group represented

Group	Position for 2018-19	Member for 2018-19
1. Conservative		Donna Jones
2. Conservative		Luke Stubbs
3. Conservative		Ken Ellcome
4. Conservative		James Fleming
5. Liberal Democrat	Chair	Hugh Mason
6. Liberal Democrat		Suzy Horton
7. Liberal Democrat		Steve Pitt
8. Liberal Democrat		Lynne Stagg
9. Labour	Vice Chair	Judith Smyth
10. N/A Ind.		Claire Udy

<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Gemma New
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Frank Jonas
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Scott Payter-Harris
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Jo Hooper
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Gerald Vernon-Jackson
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Rob Wood
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Tom Wood
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Leo Madden
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Jeanette Smith
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
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Scrutiny Management Panel

9 Members and 3 standing deputies per group represented

Group	Position for 2018-19	Member for 2018-19
1. Conservative		Simon Boshier
2. Conservative		Ian Lyon
3. Conservative		Ryan Brent
4. Conservative		James Fleming
5. Liberal Democrat	Chair	Tom Wood
6. Liberal Democrat		Hugh Mason
7. Liberal Democrat	Vice Chair	Leo Madden
8. Labour		George Fielding
9. N/A Ind.		John Ferrett
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	David Tompkins
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Gemma New
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ben Swann
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Will Purvis
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	David Fuller
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
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Governance & Audit & Standards Committee

6 Members and 3 standing deputies per group represented.

Group	Position for 2018-19	Member for 2018-19
1. Conservative		Ken Ellcome
2. Conservative		Simon Bosher
3. Liberal Democrat		Hugh Mason
4. Liberal Democrat	Chair	Will Purvis
5. Conservative		Ian Lyon
6. N/A Ind.		John Ferrett
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Jennie Brent
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ben Swann
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Tom Wood
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	David Fuller
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Jason Fazackarley
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	

Employment Committee

6 Members and 3 standing deputies per group represented.

Group	Position for 2018-19	Member for 2018-19
1. Conservative	Vice Chair	Donna Jones
2. Conservative		Luke Stubbs
3. Liberal Democrat	Chair	Gerald Vernon-Jackson
4. Liberal Democrat		Darren Sanders
5. Labour		Yahiya Chowdhury
6. Conservative		James Fleming
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Simon Bosher
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Gemma New
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Robert New
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Rob Wood
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Matthew Winnington
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ben Dowling
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
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<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	

Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel

6 Members and 3 standing deputies per group represented.

Group	Position for 2018-19	Member for 2018-19
1. Conservative	Vice Chair	Gemma New
2. Conservative		Steve Wemyss
3. Liberal Democrat	Chair	Leo Madden
4. Liberal Democrat		Hugh Mason
5. Labour		Judith Smyth
6. Conservative		Jennie Brent
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ian Lyon
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Jo Hooper
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Tom Wood
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Jason Fazackarley
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	

Other Joint Members (not for PCC to determine) are from:

Fareham Borough Council
Havant Borough Council
Hampshire County Council
Winchester City Council
East Hampshire District Council
Gosport Borough Council

Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel

6 Members and 3 standing deputies per group represented.

Group	Position for 2018-19	Member for 2018-19
1. Conservative		Scott Payter-Harris
2. Conservative		Frank Jonas
3. Liberal Democrat		Will Purvis
4. Liberal Democrat	Vice Chair	Tom Wood
5. Conservative		Robert New
6. Labour	Chair	George Fielding
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Neill Young
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Gemma New
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	David Tompkins
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Jason Fazackarley
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	

<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	

Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel

6 Members and 3 standing deputies per group represented.

Group	Position for 2018-19	Member for 2018-19
1. Conservative	Chair	Neill Young
2. Conservative		Frank Jonas
3. Liberal Democrat		Will Purvis
4. Liberal Democrat		David Fuller
5. Conservative		David Tompkins
6. Labour	Vice Chair	Tom Coles
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Gemma New
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Jennie Brent
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	James Fleming
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Tom Wood
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	

Housing and Social Care Scrutiny Panel

6 Members and 3 standing deputies per group represented.

Group	Position for 2018-19	Nomination for 2018-19
1. Liberal Democrat		Tom Wood
2. Conservative	Chair	Luke Stubbs
3. Liberal Democrat		Leo Madden
4. Liberal Democrat		Jason Fazackarley
5. Conservative		Steve Wemyss
6. N/A Ind.		Claire Udy
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ben Swann
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Neill Young
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	David Tompkins
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	

Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny

6 Members and 3 standing deputies per group represented.

Group	Position for 2018-19	Member for 2018-19
1. Conservative	Chair	Simon Bosher
2. Conservative		Ken Ellcome
3. Liberal Democrat		Tom Wood
4. Liberal Democrat		Jason Fazackarley
5. Labour	Vice Chair	Yahiya Chowdhury
6. Liberal Democrat		Hugh Mason
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ben Swann
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Steve Wemyss
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	David Fuller
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	

RESOLVED (4) that the following appointments be made for 2018/19 municipal year:

Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority (1 member)

1 Liberal Democrat - Councillor Jason Fazackarley

Police and Crime Panel (1 Member)

Councillor Dave Ashmore

Local Government Association General Assembly (4 Members)

Membership: Councillor Donna Jones; Councillor Lee Mason; Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE; Councillor Steve Pitt

Portsmouth City Council has up to 5 votes on the LGA, which are usually exercised by the party forming the City Council's political administration. Those having the right to vote should be identified.

Langstone Harbour Board (6 Members)

- (1) Councillor Ian Lyon
- (2) Labour Vacancy
- (3) Councillor Ryan Brent
- (4) Councillor Lee Mason
- (5) Councillor Matthew Winnington
- (6) Councillor Jeanette Smith

RESOLVED (5) that the following appointments be made to the Twinning Advisory Group for the 2018/19 municipal year

To be chaired by the Resources Portfolio holder, with the Lord Mayor performing the deputy Chair role.

6 Members (not proportional)

- (1) Councillor Ken Ellcome
- (2) Councillor Lee Mason (Vice-Chair, ex officio Lord Mayor)
- (3) Councillor Yahiya Chowdhury
- (4) Councillor Hugh Mason
- (5) Councillor Jeanette Smith
- (6) Councillor Lynne Stagg

44. To receive and consider any urgent and important business in accordance with Standing Order No 26

There was no urgent and important business.

45. To approve the following dates for meetings of the Council during the 2018/19 Municipal Year as required under Standing Order 6 and 10(k), to commence at 2.00 pm unless otherwise indicated

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones
Seconded by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

That the dates and times for the Council meetings for the next municipal year (2018/19) as set out in agenda item 16, be approved and that the provisional dates for 2019/20 Council meetings also set out in agenda item 16, be agreed in principle, subject to later ratification.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

RESOLVED (1) that the meetings of the Council be held on the following dates in the 2018/19 municipal year to commence at 2.00 pm unless otherwise indicated:

10 July 2018	15 January 2019 (provisional)
16 October 2018	12 February 2019
13 November 2018	19 March 2019
11 December 2018	14 May 2019 (Annual) (10:00am)

(2) that the following provisional council meeting dates for 2019/20 be agreed in principle subject to later ratification:

16 July 2019	14 January 2020 (provisional)
15 October 2019	11 February 2020
12 November 2019	17 March 2020
10 December 2019	19 May 2020 (Annual) (10:00am)

The Lord Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 4.30 pm.

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Lord Mayor