

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Guildhall
Portsmouth on Tuesday, 16 October 2018 at 2.00 pm

Council Members Present

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

Councillors

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

57. Declarations of Interests under Standing Order 13(2)(b)

Councillor Tom Coles declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6 in that his wife, Mrs Nicola Coles, is the lead petitioner.

Councillor Darren Sanders declared a non-pecuniary interest in question No 3 as his mother lives in one of the affected housing blocks.

58. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 July 2018

It was

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

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 July 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 July 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

59. Communications and apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Ken Ellcome, Councillor Simon Boshier, Councillor James Fleming and Councillor Stephen Morgan. [

Councillor Udy and Councillor Hockaday sent apologies as they would be arriving to the meeting late.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson announced that the Ofsted inspection of Children's Social Care had recently taken place and had improved to "Good" on all levels. He wished to place on record thanks to all in Social Care and recognise all the hard work that had taken place in raising the standard.

The Lord Mayor welcomed the delegation from Zhanjiang.

The Lord Mayor gave detailed information concerning filming in the chamber and reiterated the Council's rules which strictly prohibit the filming, photographing or recording of members of the public unless they are addressing the meeting and only then if they do not actively object. Filming from gallery to gallery is also prohibited. The Lord Mayor advised that in order to assist online viewers a webcast camera will take an overview of members in the chamber when any voting takes place.

The Lord Mayor then gave details of the evacuation procedure and reminded everyone that there are building evacuation signs displayed both inside the public galleries and in the chamber itself.

The Lord Mayor drew members' attention to the revised seating plan which had been previously circulated to members.

60. Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24 for all items excluding those in respect of item 6, which are dealt with separately on the agenda

The City Solicitor advised that four deputations had been received for this meeting excluding the petition item. The first deputation was made by Mr Chris Attwell on agenda item 12(d) - Bus Route Changes.

Honorary Alderman Attrill made a deputation on agenda item 12(e) - Universal Credit.

Mr Angus Geddes and Mr Simon Magorian each made a deputation on agenda item 12(f) - International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Guidelines on antisemitism.

The City Solicitor thanked those who had made deputations.

It was

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

To move Standing Order 40(c) to vary the order of the agenda to consider notice of motion (a) immediately after the deputations. This was agreed but has been kept in its original place in the minutes for ease of reference.

61. Questions from the Public under Standing Order 25

There were no questions from members of the public.

62. Petition - Bring back public toilets at Kingston Rec

The Lead Petitioner, Mrs Nicola Coles, presented the Petition as set out on the agenda.

The City Solicitor thanked Mrs Coles for her presentation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Dave Ashmore
Seconded by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

That the administration's petition response as circulated in the chamber be approved.

Council adjourned at 3.05 pm. Council resumed at 3.15 pm.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones
Seconded by Councillor Luke Stubbs

That a slight alteration to the petition response be made to delete original paragraph 6.

Councillor Ashmore agreed the alteration to the administration's response.

Following debate upon being put to the vote the administration's revised petition response was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that the Administration's revised response to the petition as set out below, be agreed.

"We would like to start by saying what a fantastic job Fratton Big Local have done with their improvements to Kingston Rec.

The new play equipment has transformed the space and made it so much better for families. My 2 kids absolutely love it.

We know how annoying it is for the people using Kingston Rec, that their children can get 'caught short' and need the loo and the lack of toilets currently available in the immediate vicinity is a real issue.

When Fratton Big Local began work on the project, myself, Councillor David Fuller and former Councillor Julie Bird were told that there was a discussion taking place within the previous administration to restore a toilet provision in the cemetery across the road. We decided that we would wait to see if this developed.

I had a discussion with Fratton Big Local, who didn't want an argument between politicians of all sides about where toilets would be provided to distract from the positive work being undertaken to improve the Rec.

We then began to investigate a way to be able to provide toilets in the Rec, rather than the cemetery, as I think they are better sited there.

The other issue which needed to be addressed, was around what type of new toilets would be suitable, given the history of anti-social behaviour in the old toilet block that previously existed on the site and was a major cause of concern for local residents.

We are particularly keen to explore the possibility of a combined retail kiosk / toilet unit, as the kiosk operator could then oversee the toilets and reduce the need for the council to have to find additional revenue funding to service them.

This model has been used elsewhere, including an innovative design in Porirua in New Zealand but there are more straightforward options available from UK based suppliers.

We are expecting a final set of costings back within the next 2 weeks and are happy to update members once we have identified an appropriate design and location which provides easy access to electricity and water services.

Thank you to Mrs Coles for bringing the community petition to the Council, as she may be aware, I have actually signed it myself and I look forward to updating the local community on the progress very soon. "

63. Appointments

These were dealt with under item 11 - Review of the Political Balance on Committees and Panels.

64. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

65. Recommendation from Cabinet from its meeting held on 9 October 2018

Minute 41 - Annual Youth Justice Strategic Plan

This was approved unopposed.

Minute 42 - Safer Portsmouth Partnership Plan 2018-20

This was approved unopposed.

66. Review of the political balance on Committees and Panels

It was

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

To adopt the proposal that had been circulated in the meeting.

Upon being put to the vote, this was CARRIED.

RESOLVED to adopt the proposal as set out below:-

"1. To adopt the overall political balance and allocation of seats as set out in the chief executive's report, and agree the following changes -

2. That the two additional Liberal Democrats seats be filled as follows -

- Scrutiny Management Panel - Councillor Jennie Brent to replace Councillor Ferrett**
- Employment Committee - Councillor Hugh Mason (filling current vacancy)**

3. That the reduction of three Conservative Seats be achieved as follows -

Councillor Robert New to come off the Licensing Committee

By not filling the two vacant seats on the Employment Committee and the Heath Overview and Scrutiny Panel respectively

4. That the vacant Conservative seat on the planning Committee be filled by Councillor Hooper (currently a standing deputy) with Councillor Robert New becoming the replacement Standing Deputy

5. That the vacant Conservative Seat on the Scrutiny Management Panel be filled by Councillor Payter-Harris

6. The five seats allocated to the three non-aligned Independent Members be assigned as follows

- a. Councillor Udy on the Licensing Committee**
- b. Councillor Udy remain on the Planning Committee**

- c. **Councillor Fleming on the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel**
- d. **Councillor Udy remain on the Housing and Social Care Scrutiny Panel**
- e. **Councillor Ferrett remain on the Governance and Audit and Standards Committee**

7. Unrelated changes

Councillor Jennie Brent to replace Councillor Hugh Mason on the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Madden to replace Councillor Purvis on the Governance and Audit and Standards Committee

Councillor Gemma New (current standing deputy) to replace Councillor Ellcome on the Planning Committee, with Councillor Tompkins becoming the replacement Standing Deputy.

Councillor Young to replace Councillor Ellcome on the Governance and Audit and Standards Committee

Councillor Hooper to replace Councillor Ellcome on the Traffic, Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel

The following Chair and Vice Chair positions be assigned as follows -

Councillor Jennie Brent to replace Councillor Madden as Chair of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Madden to replace Councillor Purvis as Chair of the Governance and Audit and Standards Committee."

67. Notices of Motion

The Lord Mayor advised that there were eight notices of motion before Council today.

(a) Friendship agreement between Portsmouth and Zhanjiang

It was

Proposed by Councillor David Fuller
Seconded by Councillor Lee Mason

That this matter be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor David Fuller
Seconded by Councillor Lee Mason

That Notice of Motion (a) as set out on the agenda be adopted.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, this was CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLVED that the following notice of motion be adopted.

"The cities of Portsmouth and Zhanjiang have since the first signing enjoyed cultural links through the Portsmouth Chinese Association and educational links through the University.

The Council hereby authorise the Lord Mayor to sign a continuation of a "Memorandum of Understanding" of friendship between our two cities."

Council adjourned for a short break.

(b) Portsmouth Naval base

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Dave Ashmore

That this matter be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Dave Ashmore

That Notice of Motion (b) as set out on the agenda be adopted.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Tom Coles
Seconded by Councillor Yahiya Chowdhury

"On last paragraph, within first sentence, remove 'wish to have effective carrier groups' and replace with 'requirement to have an effective fleet'

On last paragraph, within second sentence, remove 'all of' replace with 'the maintenance facilities for'

On last paragraph, within last sentence, remove 'base all of the new frigates' replace with 'base the maintenance facilities for the new frigates and strongly consider basing any future frigate class'

Final paragraph should now read (changes in bold):

The city council supports the Royal Navy in their **requirement to have an effective fleet**. The City Council therefore calls for the Government to base **the maintenance facilities** for the new Type 26 frigates here in Portsmouth. We therefore ask the Leaders of all the political groups to collectively write to the Secretary of State for Defence and the Shadow Secretary of State for Defence to say the logical decision would be to **base the maintenance facilities for the new frigates and strongly consider basing any future frigate class** here in Portsmouth, the home of the Royal Navy."

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment standing in the name of Councillor Tom Coles was LOST.

Upon being put to the vote, the original Notice of Motion (b) was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that the following notice of motion be adopted.

"In 2008 the people of the City, all parties at the city council, the university, trade unions and councils and businesses across the Solent area united in the campaign to keep the Naval base in Portsmouth.

We also united to campaign for the new carriers to be based in Portsmouth. We succeeded in both these campaigns.

The Royal Navy currently has thirteen frigates. The Government has ordered eight Type 26 Frigates as replacement. These were designed in Portsmouth. These frigates have a crucial role in the battle groups that sail with and protect the new carriers. It is hoped the Government will order five Type 31 frigates.

The city council supports the Royal Navy in their wish to have effective carrier groups. The City Council therefore calls for the Government to base all of the new Type 26 frigates here in Portsmouth. We therefore ask the Leaders of all the political groups to collectively write to the Secretary of State for Defence and the Shadow Secretary of State for Defence to say the logical decision would be to base all the new frigates here in Portsmouth, the home of the Royal Navy."

(c) Care leavers council tax exemption

As the proposer of the Motion was not in the Chamber, the Motion could not be put in compliance with Standing Orders.

Councillor Vernon-Jackson gave an undertaking to take this item to a Cabinet Meeting for consideration.

(d) Bus route changes

It was

Proposed by Councillor Luke Stubbs
Seconded by Councillor Robert New

That this matter be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Luke Stubbs
Seconded by Councillor Robert New

That Notice of Motion (d) as set out on the agenda be adopted.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Darren Sanders
Seconded by Councillor Jeanette Smith

"In par 1, line 3-4, replace "the withdrawal of the 4pm bus on the number 15" with "the loss of the Sunday 13/14 bus service, which deprives much of Baffins, Milton and Fratton of Sunday buses"

As a further amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Leo Madden
Seconded by Councillor Jason Fazackarley

"para 1 line 4 delete "and" insert a comma

para 1 line 5 , insert " and Council also recognises and opposes the withdrawal of the no 17 bus with effect from 3 September and the detrimental effect that this has on residents in Tipner and Stamshaw, leading to a well-attended public meeting and a subsequent petition by hundreds of residents to have the service re-instated".

The mover of the original motion agreed to subsume both amendments into it.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the substantive Notice of Motion (d) incorporating the amendments was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that the following substantive notice of motion be adopted.

"First Bus recently made changes to their network, resulting in a reduction in service on several routes. Residents are concerned at, amongst other changes, the loss of the Sunday 13/14 bus service, which deprives much of Baffins, Milton and Fratton of Sunday buses, the loss of the link between Southsea and Old Portsmouth via the number 1 and Council also recognises and opposes the withdrawal of the no 17 bus with effect from 3 September and the detrimental effect that this has on

residents in Tipner and Stamshaw, leading to a well-attended public meeting and a subsequent petition by hundreds of residents to have the service re-instated.

Council recognises that decisions over bus services are taken by bus companies acting in their own commercial interest. However, the City Council has a duty to speak for residents. It therefore invites members to share their concerns with the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation and it calls on her to then liaise with First Bus to attempt to address some of the issues identified."

Council adjourned at 5.05 pm. Council resumed at 5.35 pm.

(e)Universal credit

It was

Proposed by Councillor Judith Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Tom Coles

That this be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Judith Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Tom Coles

That Notice of Motion (e) as set out on the agenda be adopted.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Jeanette Smith
Seconded by Councillor Darren Sanders

In paragraph 5, line 3, replace "I" with "Council"

In paragraph 6, line 1, replace "I am" with "Council is"

Insert new paragraph 7:

"Council recognises that, regardless of its opinions of the merits of the policy, it has a duty to work with its partners, especially the Department of Work and Pensions, to implement the scheme as fairly as possible. Council congratulates all officers involved in doing that for their work so far.

Council in particular recognises that some disadvantaged individuals and families may find Universal Credit so difficult they may lose tenancies, go hungry and suffer from further stress.

Council welcomes the fact that additional support and advice is in place to deal with that, including:

- extra, funded posts at You Trust and PDF
- placing council debt advisors within the reception at the Civic Offices
- Training people in the housing benefits and housing services to support and advise customers moving onto Universal Credit, and
- Supporting landlords and agencies working with children and across the voluntary and community sectors"

Delete what is now paragraph 8 and replace with:

"Council asks Cabinet to build on this excellent work by:-

1. Maintaining and monitoring existing support services for claimants, especially those in their first year of UC
2. Continuing to learn from other authorities and agencies about the best way to support the most isolated and vulnerable individuals and families, something that has already been happening
3. Conducting and publishing a study of the effects of the introduction of UC on claimants by collecting information from individuals, families and all agencies supporting claimants so that we can press for change to the system if it continues to fail the most disadvantaged and ensure that future support for claimants is adequate
4. Continuing to ensure that, as far as is legally possible, people in the housing benefits service will consider and support customers applying for discretionary housing payments, recognising that this is a short-term measure
5. Arranging an all-member briefing on UC, continuing to monitor the situation through regular updates to its meetings and input from councillors and MPs and agreeing appropriate actions."

As a further amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones
Seconded by Councillor Luke Stubbs

Remove the words "uncaring Tory" in the second paragraph so it reads,

"Universal Credit might look sensible on paper but the government seems to have designed it to save money and serve bureaucracy rather than to meet the needs of the most disadvantaged households."

The proposer of the original Motion agreed to subsume both amendments into it.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the substantive Notice of Motion (e) incorporating the amendments was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that the following substantive notice of motion be adopted.

"Universal credit is now the only way that new claimants in Portsmouth can apply for and claim the benefits to which they are entitled. Existing claimants will be transferred to the new system later on.

Universal Credit might look sensible on paper but the government seems to have designed it to save money and serve bureaucracy rather than to meet the needs of the most disadvantaged households.

Research done by the child poverty action group and others shows, for example, that it has not been designed for the many claimants who are not able to apply on line. It penalises claimants who cannot then provide online updates as things change. Benefits will then be suspended. Families and individuals who are in irregular work, are self-employed, live with mental ill health or mental or physical disabilities are particularly disadvantaged by UC. If abusive men make and receive family claims women and children may be further disadvantaged.

Since UC was first introduced the length of time claimants have to wait for first payments has been slightly reduced and advance payments can more easily be made. However these will need to be repaid out of future entitlement and already families and individuals have experienced great hardships. Evidenced by huge increase in use of food banks. Demand for mental health services and additional avoidable and unforeseen deaths.

There is some great work being done by both voluntary and statutory agencies in the city to support claimants and reduce the worst effects of UC. Council would like to thank all those who are providing this support across the city. Many, including public landlords are doing this out of their own resources because they are concerned about rising rent arrears and evictions leading to homelessness. Others are using short term funding available for such support. This is not sustainable longer term.

Overall Council is worried about the effect on people with disabilities and on the 25,000 children and young people already living in poverty in Portsmouth particularly those that are isolated and lonely because for many of these UC will make their lives and opportunities even worse.

Council recognises that, regardless of its opinions of the merits of the policy, it has a duty to work with its partners, especially the Department of Work and Pensions, to implement the scheme as fairly as possible. Council congratulates all officers involved in doing that for their work so far.

Council in particular recognises that some disadvantaged individuals and families may find Universal Credit so difficult they may lose tenancies, go hungry and suffer from further stress.

Council welcomes the fact that additional support and advice is in place to deal with that, including:

- **extra, funded posts at You Trust and PDF**
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- 5. Arranging an all-member briefing on UC, continuing to monitor the situation through regular updates to its meetings and input from councillors and MPs and agreeing appropriate actions."**

(f) International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Guidelines on antisemitism

It was

Proposed by Councillor John Ferrett
Seconded by Councillor Scott Payter-Harris

That this matter be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor John Ferrett
Seconded by Councillor Scott Payter-Harris

That Notice of Motion (f) as set out on the agenda be adopted.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Hugh Mason

Seconded by Councillor Will Purvis

"This Council has always had a close and supportive relationship with the Jewish community in our city. Therefore, this council expresses alarm at the rise in antisemitism in recent years across the UK. This includes incidents when criticism of Israel has been expressed using anti-Semitic tropes. Criticism of Israel can be legitimate, but not if it employs the tropes and imagery of antisemitism.

This council fully supports the UK Government's announcement on December 11th 2016 that it will sign up to the internationally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) guidelines on antisemitism which define antisemitism thus:

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities." The guidelines highlight manifestations of antisemitism as including:

To guide IHRA in its work, the following examples may serve as illustrations: Manifestations might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectively. However, criticism of Israel similar to that levelled against any other country cannot be regarded as anti-Semitic. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for "why things go wrong." It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits.

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.

- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.

Anti-Semitic acts are criminal when they are so defined by law (for example, denial of the Holocaust or distribution of anti-Semitic materials in some countries).

Criminal acts are Anti-Semitic when the targets of attacks, whether they are people or property – such as buildings, schools, places of worship and cemeteries – are selected because they are, or are perceived to be, Jewish or linked to Jews.

Anti-Semitic discrimination is the denial to Jews of opportunities or services available to others and is illegal in many countries.

This Council welcomes the cross-party support within the Council for combating antisemitism in all its manifestations. Moreover, this council condemns anyone who seeks to amend the IHRA definition.

This Council hereby asks Cabinet to adopt the above definition of antisemitism as set out by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and pledges to combat this pernicious form of racism. Council asks the cabinet to incorporate this within its procedures for equality impact assessment and asks the Employment committee and Governance & Audit and Standards Committee to include within the codes of conduct for councillors and officers."

The proposer of the original motion agreed to subsume the amendment into it.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the substantive Notice of Motion (f) incorporating the amendment was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that the following notice of motion be adopted.

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(g) Victory Energy Services Ltd

It was

Proposed by Councillor Ian Lyon
Seconded by Councillor Judith Smyth

That this matter be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Ian Lyon
Seconded by Councillor Judith Smyth

That Notice of Motion (g) as set out on the agenda be adopted.

Following debate a recorded vote was requested by eight members standing.

The following members voted in favour of adopting the notice of motion.

Ryan Brent
Yahiya Chowdhury
Tom Coles
John Ferrett
George Fielding
Hannah Hockaday
Jo Hooper
Frank Jonas
Donna Jones
Ian Lyon

Lee Mason
Gemma New
Robert New
Scott Payter-Harris
Judith Smyth
Luke Stubbs
Ben Swann
David Tompkins
Neill Young

No members voted against.

The following members abstained.

Dave Ashmore
Jennie Brent
Ben Dowling
Jason Fazackarley
David Fuller
Suzy Horton
Leo Madden
Hugh Mason
Steve Pitt

Will Purvis
Darren Sanders
Jeanette Smith
Lynne Stagg
Claire Udy
Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Matthew Winnington
Rob Wood

This was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that the following notice of motion be adopted

"The Council regrets the recent decision of the Cabinet to withdraw its support from Victory Energy Services Ltd (VESL).

While the business should generate a surplus, and it has been demonstrated that this would be more than likely over time, the Council considers that the benefits to Portsmouth that ownership of our own energy company could bring, have been substantially overlooked.

As a revenue-raising venture, VESL has the potential to sustain vital frontline services that would otherwise be jeopardised by future spending constraints on the Council. In addition, the Council's substantial housing stock would benefit from the synergy of the supply of energy services with those currently provided by the Council.

With its commitment to purchase energy from renewable sources, Portsmouth, through VESL, can set an example for other Councils seeking to go green.

In addition, the Council's ownership of VESL should alleviate the blight of fuel poverty and accrued debts from other suppliers for Portsmouth's more vulnerable residents who, otherwise, will continue to rely on companies that have no interest beyond the purely commercial in our city.

The Council calls upon the Cabinet, when the business case comes back to it later this year, to take into account members' support for the project; to review it in good faith; and carefully to consider reversing its original decision."

(h) Making the next census count for Armed Forces community

It was

Proposed by Councillor Darren Sanders
Seconded by Councillor Jeanette Smith

That this matter be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Darren Sanders
Seconded by Councillor Jeanette Smith

That Notice of Motion (h) as set out on the agenda be adopted.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, Notice of Motion (h) was CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLVED that the following notice of motion be adopted

"This council notes:

- 1. The obligations it owes to the Armed Forces community within Portsmouth City Council as enshrined in the Armed Forces Covenant; that the Armed Forces community should not face disadvantage in the provision of services and that special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given the most.**
- 2. There is an absence of definitive and comprehensive statistics on the size or demographics of the Armed Forces community within Portsmouth City Council. This includes serving Regular and Reserve personnel, veterans and their families.**
- 3. That the availability of such data would greatly assist the council, local partner agencies, the voluntary sector, and national Government in the planning and provision of services to address the unique needs to the Armed Forces community within Portsmouth City Council.**

In light of the above, this Council moves to support and promote The Royal British Legion's call to include a new topic in the 2021 census that

concerns military service and membership of the Armed Forces community. We further call upon UK Parliament, which will approve the final census questionnaire through legislation in 2019, to ensure that the 2021 census includes questions concerning the Armed Forces community."

68. Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17

Question 1 was from Councillor Luke Stubbs

"Is the Henderson Road pedestrian crossing, as included in the 2018/19 capital programme, still going to proceed?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation, Councillor Lynne Stagg.

Question 2 was not put as Councillor Stephen Morgan was not present in the Chamber. This question will receive a written response.

Question 3 was from Councillor Scott Payter-Harris

"What level of savings is the Housing Revenue Account going to have to make to accommodate the loss in revenue from Leamington and Horatia Houses? Will this form part of the HRA budget that is due in January?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Darren Sanders.

Question 4 was from Councillor Donna Jones

"Can the Cabinet member for PRED confirm how much of the £180m Property Investment Portfolio has been spent and what income is being generated by the portfolio?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for PRED, Councillor Ben Dowling.

Question 5 was from Councillor Tom Coles

"What action is the Council taking to support Fratton Big Local with their continued projects to improve life for all in this community?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for PRED, Councillor Ben Dowling.

Question 6 was from Councillor Luke Stubbs

"Are there any plans to put vinyls in the vacant M&S unit in Commercial Road? If not, why not?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for PRED, Councillor Ben Dowling.

Question 7 was from Councillor Luke Stubbs

"When will the council budget be published?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Vernon-Jackson.

Question 8 was from Councillor Luke Stubbs

Are there any plans to resurface Craneswater Avenue?

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation, Councillor Lynne Stagg.

Question 9 was from Councillor Luke Stubbs

Does this administration support the installation of fixed position speed cameras?

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation, Councillor Lynne Stagg.

Question 10 was from Councillor Luke Stubbs

"What consideration has been given to the likely impact on the business rate tax base of the pop-ups proposed for the Drift in the City site?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development, Councillor Ben Dowling.

The meeting concluded at 8.10 pm.

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Lord Mayor