

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Guildhall  
Portsmouth on Tuesday, 12 February 2019 at 2.00 pm

**Council Members Present**

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

Councillors

Dave Ashmore	Stephen Morgan
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	Benedict 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	Rob Wood
Leo Madden	Tom Wood
Hugh Mason	Neill Young

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

There were no declarations of members' interests.

**2. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 December 2018**

It was

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

That the minutes of the council meeting held on 11 December 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the council meeting held on  
11 December 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

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### **3. Communications and apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Ken Ellcome and Councillor Simon Boshier. Councillor Ryan Brent and Councillor Ian Lyon each sent apologies for lateness.

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. He advised that the evacuation assembly point for this meeting is in front of the Queen Victoria statue in Guildhall Square.

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson made a short statement advising members that a civic award had been given to Mr John Holland, an active volunteer in the city over many years. The civic award was made in advance of the annual council meeting owing to the terminal illness of Mr Holland. The Leader advised that Mr Holland's funeral had recently taken place. The Leader said that he hopes that the civic award will be presented to Mr Holland's family at the annual mayor making event.

### **4. Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24**

The City Solicitor advised that one deputation request had been made in respect of

#### **Agenda Item 7 - Budget and Council Tax 2019/20 and Medium Term Budget Forecast 2020/21 to 2022/23.**

Honorary Alderman Dr Alan Burnett made his deputation speaking broadly against this item.

The City Solicitor advised that two deputation requests had been received in respect of

#### **Agenda Item 8 - Capital Programme.**

One deputation was made speaking broadly against this item by Honorary Alderman Alan Burnett.

One deputation was made speaking broadly in favour of this item by Reverend Tracey Ansell.

## 5. Appointments

Councillor Robert New was appointed as a main member on the Langstone Harbour Board to replace Councillor Lyon who became a standing deputy.

## 6. Urgent Business - To receive and consider any urgent and important business from Members of the Cabinet in accordance with Standing Order No 26

The Lord Mayor advised that notice had been given by the Leader of the Council to the other group leaders as detailed on the green sheet about an urgent matter in accordance with Standing Order No 26. The Leader advised members that the urgent matter concerns making the city ready for the prospect of a no-deal Brexit. The Leader advised that the Chief Executive would set aside a significant amount of money under Standing Order 58 powers in order to set up triage points and a holding area for HGVs accessing the International Port.

The Lord Mayor advised that any ward councillor can speak on this matter if it significantly impacted on their ward. An opportunity was also given to group leaders to speak on this matter. Following a short debate the Lord Mayor advised that the Chief Executive would provide a briefing to members on the day following the council meeting.

## 7. Recommendations from the Cabinet meeting held on 5 February 2019

The Lord Mayor advised that as previously advised to members, the Capital Programme and the Budget and Tax Setting reports and recommendations would be taken and debated together on the basis that each item impacts on the other and on the understanding that the tax setting item would be voted on first followed by the Capital Programme.

### **Minute 7 - PCC Budget and Council Tax 2019/20 and Medium Term Budget Forecast**

This was opposed

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Steve Pitt

That the recommendations contained in the report entitled "PCC Budget and Council Tax 2019/20 and Medium Term Budget Forecast 2020/21 to 2022/23" be approved.

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson spoke on the budget proposals which had been produced by the Liberal Democrat group and he commended them to council. He placed on record his thanks to Chris Ward and his team and to all staff in the city council.

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The Leader also paid tribute to councillors from all groups who have worked hard in various ways for the good of the city.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Luke Stubbs

That the recommendations set out in **Appendix 1** attached to these minutes (Conservative Revenue Budget amendment) be adopted.

Councillor Donna Jones then spoke to her group's proposed budget amendment. She placed on record her thanks to Chris Ward and the finance team, and to Conservative group members. Following her budget presentation, she commended the proposals to council.

As an amendment to the recommendations in relation to Cabinet minute 7 it was

Proposed by Councillor Stephen Morgan  
Seconded by Councillor Judith Smyth

That the recommendations set out in **Appendix 2** attached to these minutes (Labour Revenue Budget amendment) be adopted.

Councillor Stephen Morgan (Labour group leader) then spoke to his group's proposed budget amendments. He placed on record his thanks to officers and directors for their hard work in assisting with the proposed budget amendment. He commended the Labour Group's proposed budget amendments to council.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Darren Sanders  
Seconded by Councillor Jeanette Smith

That the recommendations set out in **Appendix 3** attached to these minutes (Liberal Democrat revenue amendment) be adopted.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Steve Wemyss  
Seconded by Councillor George Fielding

That the recommendations set out in **Appendix 4** attached to these minutes (Conservative-Labour group revenue amendment) be adopted.

Council adjourned at 4.25 pm.

Council resumed at 4.50 pm.

Following debate, the Lord Mayor called upon the Leader of the Council, Councillor Vernon-Jackson to sum up which he then did. He said that he would agree to subsume the amendment standing in the name of Councillor Darren Sanders into the original Cabinet recommendations in respect of the revenue budget. He did not accept any of the other proposed amendments. The Lord Mayor advised that regulations require all votes on the budget proposals to be dealt with by means of recorded votes.

Upon the Conservative amendment standing in the name of Councillor Donna Jones on the Portsmouth City Council Budget and Council Tax 2019/20 and Medium Term Budget Forecast 2020/21 to 2022/23 being put to the vote the following members voted in favour

Ryan Brent	Gemma New
John Ferrett	Rob New
Hannah Hockaday	Scott Payter-Harris
Jo Hooper	Luke Stubbs
Frank Jonas BEM	Ben Swann
Donna Jones	David Tompkins
Ian Lyon	Steve Wemyss
Lee Mason	Neill Young

The following members voted against

Dave Ashmore	Steve Pitt
Jennie Brent	Will Purvis
Yahiya Chowdhury	Darren Sanders
Tom Coles	Jeanette Smith
Ben Dowling	Judith Smyth
Jason Fazackarley	Lynne Stagg
George Fielding	Claire Udy
David Fuller	Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Suzy Horton	Matthew Winnington
Leo Madden	Rob Wood
Hugh Mason	Tom Wood
Stephen Morgan MP	

There were no abstentions.

The Conservative group revenue amendment was therefore LOST.

Upon the Labour group amendment standing in the name of Councillor Stephen Morgan on the Budget and Council Tax 2019/20 and Medium Term Budget Forecast 2020/21 to 2022/23 being put to the vote the following members voted in favour

Yahiya Chowdhury	George Fielding
Tom Coles	John Ferrett
Stephen Morgan MP	Judith Smyth

The following members voted against

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

The following members abstained

Ryan Brent  
Claire Udy

The Labour group amendment was therefore LOST.

Upon a joint Conservative/Labour amendment to the Revenue Budget standing in the name of Councillor Steve Wemyss being put to the vote, the following members voted in favour

Ryan Brent	Stephen Morgan MP
Yahiya Chowdhury	Gemma New
Tom Coles	Robert New
John Ferrett	Scott Payter-Harris
George Fielding	Judith Smyth
Hannah Hockaday	Luke Stubbs
Jo Hooper	Ben Swann
Frank Jonas BEM	David Tompkins
Donna Jones	Steve Wemyss
Ian Lyon	Neill Young
Lee Mason	

The following members voted against

Dave Ashmore	Will Purvis
Jennie Brent	Darren Sanders
Ben Dowling	Jeanette Smith
Jason Fazackarley	Lynne Stagg
David Fuller	Claire Udy
Suzy Horton	Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Leo Madden	Matthew Winnington
Hugh Mason	Rob Wood
Steve Pitt	Tom Wood

There were no abstentions.

The joint Conservative/Labour revenue amendment was therefore CARRIED.

Upon the recommendations in **Cabinet minute 7 - Portsmouth City Council Budget and Council Tax 2019/20 and Medium Term Budget Forecast 2020/21 to 2022/23** including the Liberal Democrat amendment and the Conservative/ Labour amendment being put to the vote the following members voted in favour

Dave Ashmore	Stephen Morgan MP
Jennie Brent	Gemma New
Ryan Brent	Robert New
Tom Coles	Steve Pitt
Yahiya Chowdhury	Will Purvis
Ben Dowling	Darren Sanders
Jason Fazackarley	Jeanette Smith
John Ferrett	Judith Smyth
George Fielding	Lynne Stagg
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	Rob Wood
Leo Madden	Tom Wood
Hugh Mason	Neill Young
Lee Mason	

No members voted against the proposal and there were no abstentions. This was therefore CARRIED.

**The Cabinet recommendations in Cabinet minute 7 incorporating the amendments in the names of Councillor Sanders and Councillor Wemyss - appendices 3 and 4 to the minutes were approved.**

#### **RESOLVED**

1. That the following be approved in respect of the Council's Budget:
  - 1) The revised Revenue Estimates for the financial year 2018/19 and the Revenue Estimates for the financial year 2019/20 as set out in the General Fund Summary (Appendix A amended) including the changes described in paragraph 19 below:-
  - 2) The Portfolio Cash Limits for the Revised Budget for 2018/19 and Budget for 2019/20 as set out in Sections 7 and 9, respectively as amended by paragraph 20 below:-

- 3) That the transfer to the Revenue Reserve for Capital in 2018/19 be reduced by £3.5m to offset overspendings within the current year and maintain General Reserves at levels consistent with maintaining the Councils financial resilience over the medium term
- 4) That the Council's share of the of the £650m national allocation for Adults and Children's Social Care (confirmed for 2019/20 only) and amounting to £2.4m is allocated as follows:
  - Adult Social Care - to meet the costs of Winter Pressures and contribute towards the cost of the increase in the National Living Wage (4.9%) for care providers - £1.4m
  - Children's Social Care (to contribute towards the costs of rising numbers of Looked After Children) - £1m
- 5) That a further £3.0m be added to the Children's Social Care Budget on an on-going basis, recognising the financial impact of the sustained rise in Looked After Children over the last 5 years amounting to over 40%
- 6) The additional £1.6m received from the 75% Solent Business Rate Retention Pilot (currently guaranteed for 1 year only) be used to enable the Council to make a Revenue Contribution to the Capital Programme in 2019/20 to supplement the Capital Resources available in order to fund essential Capital Investment priorities
- 7) Any underspendings for 2018/19 arising at the year-end outside of those made by Portfolios be transferred to Capital Resources in order to provide funding for known and potential future commitments in future years such as School Places, Sea Defences, enabling infrastructure for Regeneration and the Digital Strategy all necessary for the City's development and growth which have, as yet, insufficient funding
- 8) Any variation to the Council's funding arising from the final Local Government Finance Settlement be accommodated by a transfer to or from General Reserves
- 9) The S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to enter into the Solent<sup>1</sup> 75% Business Rates Retention Pilot agreement with the Department for Communities and Local Government
- 10) The S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to make any necessary adjustments to Cash Limits within the overall approved Budget and Budget Forecasts

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<sup>1</sup> Includes Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council



- 11) That the level of Council Tax be increased by 2.99% for general purposes in accordance with the referendum threshold<sup>2</sup> for 2019/20 announced by Government (as calculated in recommendation 4 (d))
- 12) That the level of Council Tax be increased by a further 1.5% beyond the referendum threshold (as calculated in recommendation 4 (d)) to take advantage of the flexibility offered by Government to implement a "Social Care Precept"; and that in accordance with the conditions of that flexibility, the full amount of the associated sum generated of £1,144,300 is passported direct to Adult Social Care
- 13) Managers be authorised to incur routine expenditure against the Cash Limits for 2019/20 as set out in Section 9
- 14) That the savings requirement for 2020/21 be set at a minimum on-going sum of £2.5m
- 15) That the S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to make transfers to and from reserves in order to ensure that they are maintained as necessary and in particular, adjusted when reserves are no longer required or need to be replenished
- 16) Directors be instructed to start planning how the City Council will achieve the savings requirements shown in Section 10 and that this be incorporated into Service Business Plans
- 17) The minimum level of General Reserves as at 31 March 2019 be maintained at £8.0m to reflect the known and expected budget and financial risks to the Council
- 18) Members have had regard for the Statement of the Section 151 Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 as set out in Section 13.
- 19) the following changes be made to Cash Limits for 2018/19, 2019/20 and future years as set out in the table below, but Members note that:  
  
**the responsibility of the City Council is to approve the overall Budget and the associated cash limits of its Portfolios and Committees; it is not the responsibility of the City Council to approve any individual savings or additions within those Portfolios/Committees, that responsibility is reserved for Cabinet Members. The budget savings and additions in the tables below are therefore indicative only.**

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<sup>2</sup> Council Tax increases beyond the referendum threshold can only be implemented following a "Yes" vote in a local referendum

## a) Reductions to Revenue Estimates

Indicative Portfolio Savings Proposal	Impact on Level of Service & Service Outcomes	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Future Years
		£	£	£
<b>Other Expenditure</b>				
Re-instate Victory Energy Supply Limited	Remove provision for loss on disposal	(2,500,000)	0	0
	Generate additional income for the Council to contribute to future savings, re-invest in the community as well as reducing residents bills and providing renewable energy	0	(325,000)	(430,000)
<b>Total</b>		<b>(2,500,000)</b>	<b>(325,000)</b>	<b>(430,000)</b>

In the event that the disposal of Victory Energy Supply Limited achieves a sale price of £1m, that the following changes be reflected within the recommended Revenue Estimates for the financial year 2018/19 and the Revenue Estimates for the financial year 2019/20 (attached at Appendix A amended) and be funded from the proceeds of the sale:

## i) Reductions to Revenue Estimates

Indicative Portfolio Savings Proposal	Impact on Level of Service & Service Outcomes	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Future Years
		£	£	£
<b>Other Expenditure</b>				
Sale of Victory Energy Supply Limited	Reduce provision for loss on disposal	(500,000)	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>(500,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## ii) Additions to Revenue Estimates

Saving No.	Increases to Portfolio Cash Limits	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Future Years
		£	£	£
<b>Resources Portfolio</b>				
New	Neighbourhoods Fund	0	140,000	0
<b>Traffic &amp; Transportation Portfolio</b>				
New	Increasing resource in the parking department to meet demand for parking zones	0	100,000	0
<b>Other Expenditure</b>				
New	Transfer to Revenue Reserve For Capital	260,000	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>260,000</b>	<b>240,000</b>	<b>0</b>

b) The following changes be made to Cash Limits for 2019/20 and future years

Portfolio / Committee	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	Future Years £
Other Expenditure (Victory Energy)	(2,500,000)	(325,000)	(430,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(2,500,000)</b>	<b>(325,000)</b>	<b>(430,000)</b>

2. That the following be **noted** in respect of the Council's Budget:

- 1) The Revenue Estimates 2019/20 as set out in Appendix A of the report have been prepared on the basis of a 1.5% tax increase for the "Social Care Precept" (amounting to £1,144,300) and that this is passported to Adult Social Care in order to provide for otherwise unfunded budget pressures including the current underlying budget deficit, the cost of the new National Living Wage and demographic pressures arising from a "living longer" population
- 2) The decision on the amount at which to set the Adult Social Care precept will be critical for the Social Care and wider Health system in the City; in the event that the additional flexibility of the "Social Care Precept" and associated 1.5% tax increase (amounting to £762,900 for each 1%) is not taken, then equivalent savings will need to be made in Adult Social Care in 2019/20
- 3) In general, due to the savings of £762,900 for each 1% reduction in order for the Budget 2019/20 to be approved

- 4) The Revenue Forecast for 2020/21 onwards as set out in Section 10 and Appendix B of the report
- 5) The estimated Savings Requirement of £7.5m for the 3 year period 2020/21 to 2022/23, for financial and service planning purposes, be phased as follows:

Financial Year	In Year Savings Requirement £m	Cumulative Saving £m
2020/21	2.5	2.5
2021/22	2.5	5.0
2022/23	2.5	7.5

- 6) The MTRS Reserve held to fund the upfront costs associated with Spend to Save Schemes, Invest to Save Schemes and redundancies will hold an uncommitted balance of £8.3m<sup>3</sup> and will only be replenished in future from an approval to the transfer of any underspends, contributions from the Revenue Budget or transfers from other reserves which may no longer be required
  - 7) The Council's share of the Council Tax element of the Collection Fund surplus for 2018/19 is estimated to be £1,573,500
  - 8) The Council's share of the Business Rate element of the Collection Fund surplus for 2018/19 is estimated to be £837,500
  - 9) The Retained Business Rate income<sup>4</sup> for 2019/20 is based on the estimated Business Rate element of the Collection Fund surplus as at March 2018, the Non Domestic Rates poundage for 2019/20 and estimated rateable values for 2019/20 and has been determined at £66,700,841
3. That the S.151 Officer has determined that the Council Tax base for the financial year 2019/20 will be **57,075.4** [item T in the formula in Section 31 B(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")].
  4. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the financial year 2019/20 in accordance with Section 31 and Sections 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

<sup>3</sup> Including the net transfers from the reserve of £2.241m contained with the recommendations of the Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2023/24 report elsewhere on this agenda

<sup>4</sup> Including the Portsmouth City Council element of the Collection Fund surplus of £837,539, S31 Grants of £6,848,028, the "Tariff" paid to Government of £2,544,842, and the contributions to the "Growth Pool" of £2,444,000, and from the "Growth Pool" of £1,630,000

(a)	£481,710,889	Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
(b)	£401,994,819	Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
(c)	£79,716,070	Being the amount by which the aggregate at 4 (a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4 (b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B(1) of the Act.
(d)	£1,396.68	Being the amount at 4(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item 3 above (Item T), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

(e) Valuation Bands (Portsmouth City Council)

A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
931.12	1,086.31	1,241.49	1,396.68	1,707.05	2,017.43	2,327.80	2,793.36

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 4 (d) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings in different valuation bands.

5. That it be noted that for the financial year 2019/20 the Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner is consulting upon the following amounts for the precept to be issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands (Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner)

A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
134.31	156.69	179.08	201.46	246.23	291.00	335.77	402.92

6. That it be noted that for the financial year 2019/20 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority are recommended to approve the following amounts for the precept issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of

the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands (Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority)

A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
45.14	52.66	60.19	67.71	82.76	97.80	112.85	135.42

7. That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4(e), 5 and 6 above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the financial year 2019/20 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands (Total Council Tax)

A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
1,110.57	1,295.66	1,480.76	1,665.85	2,036.04	2,406.23	2,776.42	3,331.70

8. The Council determines in accordance with Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2019/20, which represents a 4.49% increase, is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved by the Secretary of State under Section 52ZC of the Act; and it be noted that:
- i. The 4.49% increase includes a 1.5% increase to support the delivery of Adult Social Care
  - ii. As the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority (the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire or the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority) that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2019/20 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
9. The S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to implement any variation to the overall level of Council Tax arising from the final notification of the Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority precepts.
10. That the Council Tax policy for Second Homes & Long Term Empty Properties discount scheme, aimed at bringing additional properties into productive use attached at Appendix C to the report be approved
11. That the Council Tax Exemption Scheme for Care Leavers be approved and be implemented by way of a write-off procedure under the delegated powers of the S. 151 Officer in accordance with the

scheme attached at Appendix D to the report to be incorporated into the Council's Financial Rules.

### **Minute 8 - Capital Programme 2018/19 onwards**

This was opposed.

It was  
proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson  
seconded by Councillor Steve Pitt  
that the Cabinet recommendations referred to in Minute 8 be approved.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Luke Stubbs

That the amendment to Capital attached as Appendix 5 to the minutes be approved.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Stephen Morgan  
Seconded by Councillor Judith Smyth

That the amendment to Capital attached as appendix 6 to the minutes be approved.

The amendments standing in the name of Councillor Jones and the amendment standing in the name of Councillor Morgan could not be put to the vote as the revenue amendments from both the Conservative and Labour Groups were lost and consequently their related capital amendments could not be put.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Darren Sanders  
Seconded by Councillor Jeanette Smith

That the amendment to Capital attached as Appendix 7 to the minutes be approved.

The mover of the original proposal, Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson agreed to subsume into it the amendment standing in the name of Councillor Darren Sanders.

Upon the original recommendations from Cabinet including the amendment proposed by Councillor Darren Sanders being put to the vote, the following members voted in favour

Dave Ashmore  
Jennie Brent  
Ryan Brent  
Tom Coles  
Yahiya Chowdhury  
Ben Dowling  
Jason Fazackarley  
George Fielding  
David Fuller  
Scott Payter-Harris  
Hannah Hockaday  
Jo Hooper  
Suzy Horton  
Frank Jonas BEM  
Donna Jones  
Ian Lyon  
Leo Madden  
Hugh Mason  
Lee Mason

Stephen Morgan MP  
Gemma New  
Robert New  
Steve Pitt  
Will Purvis  
Darren Sanders  
Jeanette Smith  
Judith Smyth  
Lynne Stagg  
Luke Stubbs  
Ben Swann  
David Tompkins  
Claire Udy  
Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE  
Steve Wemyss  
Matthew Winnington  
Rob Wood  
Tom Wood  
Neill Young

The following member voted against

John Ferrett

There were no abstentions.

This was therefore CARRIED.

**The Cabinet recommendations in Cabinet minute 8 incorporating the amendment in the name of Councillor Sanders - appendix 7 to the minutes were approved.**

## **RESOLVED**

1. That the following be approved in respect of the Council's Capital Programme:
  - 1) The Revised Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2023/24 attached as Appendix 1 of the report (as amended) which includes all additions, deletions and amendments for slippage and re-phasing described in Sections 6 and 8 be approved
  - 2) The Section 151 Officer be given delegated authority to determine how each source of finance is used to fund the overall Capital Programme and to alter the overall mix of financing, as necessary, to maximise the flexibility of capital resources used and minimise the ongoing costs of borrowing to the Council
  - 3) That the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council be given delegated authority to release capital resources held back for any contingent items that might arise,



and also for any match funding requirements that may be required of the City Council in order to secure additional external capital funding (e.g. bids for funding from Government or the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership)

- 4) The following schemes as described in Section 9 and Appendix 2 of the report be reflected within the recommended Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2023/24 and be financed from the available corporate capital resources:

<b>Recommended New Capital Schemes</b>		<b>Corporate Resources Required £</b>	<b>Total Scheme Value £</b>
<b>Education</b>			
	Maintained Schools - Urgent Conditions Project	1,600,000	1,770,000
	Additional Special School Places - Design	500,000	679,200
	Additional School Places in Mainstream Schools - Design	250,000	250,000
	Additional Secondary School Places - St Edmunds Catholic School - Grant	650,000	650,000
	Additional School Places - 2020/21	6,908,000	6,908,000
<b>Culture, Leisure &amp; Sport</b>			
	Invest in Football Facilities including Changing Facilities	335,000	588,000
	Parks & Open Spaces Protection Measures to Prevent Incursion	50,000	50,000
	Pyramids Refurbishment	1,500,000	1,500,000
	Repair / Refurbishment of Southsea Splashpool	102,000	102,000
	World War 1 Memorial Plaques	45,000	45,000
	Contribution to Roof at Southsea Skatepark	10,000	10,000
	Contribution to Architectural Design to Enable Regeneration of the Guildhall	40,000	40,000
	Contribution to Architectural Design to Enable Regeneration of the Kings Theatre	40,000	40,000
	Provision of a Dog Exercise and Training Area	11,000	11,000
<b>Environment &amp; Community Safety</b>			
	Air Quality Initiatives	150,000	150,000
	Air Quality Equipment & Monitoring Station	100,000	100,000
<b>Health &amp; Social Care</b>			
	Older Persons Supported Living (Extra Care Housing)	4,600,000	9,730,000
	Kestrel Centre Relocation to Civic Offices	350,000	350,000
<b>Housing &amp; Property Services</b>			
	Homes For Homeless	500,000	1,000,000
<b>PRED</b>			
	Brougham Road (Arts Centre) - External Repairs	300,000	300,000
	Public Realm - Improvements to Station Square & Isambard Brunel Road	250,000	250,000
<b>Resources</b>			
	Review of Revenues & Benefits Software Applications	188,000	188,000
	Landlord's Maintenance 2019/20	1,750,000	1,750,000
	The People's Network - Windows 10 Upgrade	350,000	350,000
<b>Traffic &amp; Transportation</b>			
	Local Transport Plan 3	650,000	650,000
	Extension to Park & Ride Multi Story Car Park - Design	350,000	350,000
	Smart Cities: Intelligent Transport System Phase 2	200,000	200,000
	The Hard Interchange Auxiliary Works	300,000	300,000
<b>Total Recommended Sum To Be Approved</b>		<b>22,079,000</b>	<b>28,311,200</b>

- 5) Subject to a satisfactory financial appraisal approved by the Director of Finance & Section 151 Officer the following schemes as described in Section 10 be funded from Prudential Borrowing up to the amounts shown

	<b>Total Prudential Borrowing £</b>
Single Material Recycling Facility	4,838,400
Waste Collection Vehicle Replacement	4,125,000
Older Persons Supported Living (Extra Care Housing)	2,836,000
Homes For Homeless	500,000
Development of Cruise & Ferry Port	12,700,000
Passenger Boarding Bridge	5,000,000
New Car Park Facility - Southsea	1,800,000
<b>Total Recommended Sum To Be Approved</b>	<b>31,799,400</b>

- 6) That borrowing for a sum of £15m be approved in principle for Capital Investment into MMD Ltd but subject to the approval by Cabinet on their preferred option for the MMD site which is to be considered at a future meeting of the Cabinet
- 7) In the event that the Cabinet continue to operate MMD, that £15m be made available as a loan draw down facility subject to a satisfactory financial appraisal approved by the Director of Finance & Section 151 Officer, as outlined in Section 10, and provided at an interest rate consistent with State Aid rules
- 8) Subject to a satisfactory financial appraisal approved by the Director of Finance & Section 151 Officer the following schemes as described in Section 11 be funded from the MTRS Reserve

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Total MTRS Funding £</b>
Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Software Replacement	1,000,000
Utilities & Energy Management 2019/20	1,050,000
Enable and Improve Mobile Working	191,000
<b>Total Recommended Sum To Be Approved</b>	<b>2,241,000</b>

- 9) The following schemes as described in Section 12 be funded from Earmarked Reserves

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Total Funding From Earmarked Reserves £</b>
Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Software Replacement	1,000,000
Enable Mobile Working	182,000
Older Persons Supported Living (Extra Care Housing)	1,000,000
<b>Total Recommended Sum To Be Approved</b>	<b>2,182,000</b>

- 10) The following Schemes as described in Section 14 be included within the "Reserve List" of Capital Schemes to be considered once additional capital resources are identified

<b>Future Priority Capital Schemes – Not in Priority Order</b>
Additional School Places in Primary & Secondary Schools
Anti-Poverty Projects
Development of Performing Arts
Digital Strategy (incl. move to cloud based Information Technology systems)
Landlord's Repairs & Maintenance
Local Transport Plan - Road safety and traffic improvement schemes
Park Life
Sea Defences
School condition (roofs, boilers, electrics, windows etc)
The Camber Quay Berth 4 Replacement

- 11) The Prudential Indicators described in Section 15 and set out in Appendix 3 of the report be approved.
- 12) That the S.151 Officer, in consultation with the Leader, be given delegated authority to borrow as necessary for the Joint Venture limited liability partnership which is established to deliver the City Centre re-development as described in the report to the Cabinet on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 entitled "City Centre Regeneration"
- 13) That prior to any borrowing described in Recommendation 12 above, a full business case and financial appraisal is prepared that can satisfactorily demonstrate with good certainty that cost savings / additional income or value uplift of the development which will accrue directly to the Council will at least cover the cost of that borrowing on a sustained basis over the lifetime of the borrowing undertaken
- 14) In the event that the disposal of Victory Energy Supply Limited achieves a sale price of £1m, that the following additional Capital Schemes be reflected within the recommended Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2023/24 (attached at Appendix 1 to the report) and be funded from the proceeds of sale:

<b>Scheme Description - Additions (New)</b>		<b>Increase in Corporate Resources</b>	<b>Total Corporate Resources Allocated</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Additional Capital Scheme Proposals (New):</b>			
	Planting 100 trees to celebrate the great women of Portsmouth	17,000	17,000
	Tackling Financial Exclusion and Fuel Poverty	243,000	243,000
<b>Total Overall Change</b>		<b>260,000</b>	

2. That the following be noted in respect of the Council's Capital Programme:
  - 1) The passported Capital Allocations (Ring-fenced Grants) as set out in Section 7
  - 2) That Cabinet Members, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer, have authority to vary Capital Schemes and their associated funding within their Portfolio in order to manage any potential overspending or funding shortfall or to respond to emerging priorities
  - 3) As outlined in Section 9 and Appendix 2 of the report, that the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood & Building Services will work with other Directors to further prioritise the schedule of identified Landlord's Maintenance works to ensure that those with the highest priority are undertaken up to the value of the £1.75m allocated
  - 4) As outlined in Section 13 and Appendix 2 of the report, the release of £444,200 from the Environment & Community Safety Portfolio Reserve towards a £380,000 scheme for the provision of Public Toilets (£200,000); Replacement of WC Hand Washing and Drying Units (£130,000) and a Food Waste Recycling Pilot (£114,200)
  - 5) As outlined in Section 13 and Appendix 2 of the report. the release of £1m from the PRED Portfolio Reserve towards a £6m scheme for a new Passenger Boarding Bridge
  - 6) The City Council note that Prudential Borrowing can only be used as a source of capital finance for Invest to Save Schemes as described in Sections 8 and 15

**8. Recommendations from the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee held on 1 February 2019**

**Minute 12 - Protocol for Member / Officer relations**

This was approved unopposed.

**Minute 13 - Delegated Authority to City Solicitor to settle claims on behalf of the Authority**

This was opposed to allow for debate.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Leo Madden  
Seconded by Councillor Hugh Mason

That the recommendations from Governance & Audit & Standards Committee contained in minute 13 be adopted.

Following debate, upon the original recommendations from Governance & Audit & Standards Committee being put to the vote these were CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that on 12 February 2019 Full Council**

- (a) approved the proposed increase to the delegated authority granted to the City Solicitor to £75,000 to settle claims on behalf of the Council; and
- (b) agreed that the City Solicitor may make the appropriate amendments to the Delegation to Directors in the Constitution.

**9. Notices of Motion**

The Lord Mayor advised that there were two notices of motion before council today.

**(a) Southern Water**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Dave Ashmore  
Seconded by Councillor Jennie Brent

That notice of motion (a) as set out on the agenda be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Dave Ashmore  
Seconded by Councillor Jennie Brent

That notice of motion (a) as set out on the agenda be adopted.

An amendment standing in the name of Councillor Neill Young fell as the seconder was not in the chamber.

Upon being put to the vote notice of motion (a) as set out on the agenda was CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that**

**"This Council is concerned about sewage being discharged into Langstone Harbour by Southern Water. This has been the subject of reports in the media and many environmental campaigns.**

**The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety have met with Southern Water and the company have stated that they only do this as a measure to avoid flooding in storms, that discharges on average only last for a few minutes at a time, and that they have consent from the Environment Agency in certain circumstances. However, the Council want to see this practice cease and an alternative method found quickly.**

**Langstone Harbour is an important part of this city, being home to many birds and marine life. It also contains a wide variety of plant life. So as well as being a landmark and a working harbour, it is also a place of environmental importance.**

**This Council notes that the Langstone Harbour board do an excellent job in looking after the site, regulating activities, and looking after our environment. This Council also notes areas where Southern Water have been innovative and forward looking in areas such as water conservation and energy.**

**Therefore the Council requests that the Cabinet Member write to Southern Water asking if they can work with stakeholders in preventing the practice of discharging sewage into the Harbour completely, and that the Traffic, Environment and Community Safety scrutiny panel be asked to consider carrying out a review with relevant interest groups to achieve that purpose."**

An undertaking was given by Councillor Ashmore to ensure that the letter to Southern Water would be a joint letter from him and the opposition spokespersons.

**(b) Green Initiatives**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Jeanette Smith

That notice of motion (b) as set out on the agenda be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Jeanette Smith

That notice of motion (b) as set out on the agenda be adopted.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones  
 Seconded by Councillor Ben Swann

**"Paragraph 5 – delete from "The City Council condemns the decision" – to the end of the paragraph and replace with:**

“The City Council notes grants given by the government to businesses and citizens wishing to own an electric vehicle. The number of electric vehicles in the UK has increased as a consequence of this national initiative.

In Portsmouth we have benefited from Government funding which has enabled us to install electric charging points at public car parks in the city including the Park and Ride. We are delighted that PCC has also been one of the first cities in the UK to submit plans for electric charging points in lampposts.

Portsmouth City Council has a long history of supporting the green agenda and good example of which is the civic offices which has over 100 solar panels installed on roof. This is creating not only green energy to run the civic offices and reducing the energy bills, but also creating income for the council. Another example of supporting the green agenda and helping residents in fuel poverty, is the creation of Victory Energy. The company was set up and designed to help reduce people's fuel consumption, whilst also identifying ways of creating green energy and generating income for the city to help pay for the growing care costs the council faces each year. It is a huge disappointment that the current Liberal Democrat administration took the naïve decision to end the company therefore affecting people in our communities. “

**Delete Paragraph 6 and replace with:**

"The Council therefore notes the Governments actions, recognises that more needs to be done and requests that Group Leaders write to the secretary of state making representations on these items accordingly."

Upon being put to the vote the amendment standing in the name of Councillor Donna Jones was LOST.

Upon the original notice of motion being put to the vote, this was CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that**

**Portsmouth is a flat seaside city which is vulnerable to sea level rises. Global warming is a threat to all communities in low lying coastal areas due to rising sea levels.**

**The City Council is working with the Environment Agency to put in place new sea defences for the city, which is very welcome.**

**The production of greenhouse gases is accepted by almost all scientists as leading to global warming and therefore to the rise in sea level which is a threat to local residents in a flat coastal city.**

**Things that reduce greenhouse gases are therefore good for Portsmouth as it helps reduce the threat of ever higher sea levels.**

**Encouraging residents and companies to use less fossil fuels helps reduce the amount of greenhouse gasses. The City Council is therefore surprised by the Government's decision to remove subsidies to residents and companies who want an alternative to making greenhouse gasses. The City Council condemns the decision of the Government to remove subsidies to companies and residents wanting to buy electric vehicles and to install solar panels. This decision risks destroying many "green jobs" and pushing the UK backwards in making "green jobs and technologies" central to our economy, and reduces our chances of being a global leader in this field.**

**The City Council therefore asks the Leader of the Council and the other Group Leaders to write to the Government condemning their actions and asking them to reconsider.**

**10. Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17**

There were no questions before council.

The meeting concluded at 6.30 pm.

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Lord Mayor