

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Guildhall
Portsmouth on Tuesday, 19 March 2019 at 2.00 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
Jennie Brent	Gemma New
Ryan Brent	Robert New
Thomas Coles	Steve Pitt
Yahiya Chowdhury	Will Purvis
Ben Dowling	Darren Sanders
Ken Ellcome	Jeanette Smith
George Fielding	Lynne Stagg
John Ferrett	Judith Smyth
David Fuller	Luke Stubbs
Scott Payter-Harris	Claire Udy
Hannah Hockaday	Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Jo Hooper	Steve Wemyss
Suzy Horton	Matthew Winnington
Donna Jones	Neill Young
Ian Lyon	Rob Wood
Leo Madden	Tom Wood

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

Councillor Jeanette Smith declared a pecuniary interest in item 16(f) as she was in paid employment with Unison and would leave the chamber for this item.

Councillor Will Purvis declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 16(f) in that he was employed in the care sector and would leave the chamber for this item.

Councillor Judith Smyth declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 16(d) in that she lives in one of the parking zones which is the subject of consultation.

Councillor Steve Wemyss, Councillor Matthew Winnington and Councillor Judith Smyth each declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 16 (f) in that that they are all members of Unison.

Councillor Claire Udy declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 16(f) in that she is a member of GMB union.

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Councillor Rob Wood declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 16(f) in that his wife is a Unison representative.

The City Solicitor advised that members did not need to make a declaration in respect of agenda item 16(b) - Council Housing - if they were private landlords as this is already disclosed on their interests form.

12. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 February 2019

It was

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

That the minutes of the council meeting held on 12 February 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the council meeting held on 12 February 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

13. Communications and apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor David Tompkins, Councillor Frank Jonas, Councillor Jason Fazackarley and Councillor Benedict Swann.

Apologies for lateness were received on behalf of Councillor Stephen Morgan, Councillor David Fuller, Councillor Hannah Hockaday and Councillor Will Purvis.

Councillor Donna Jones expressed thanks on behalf of Councillor Frank Jonas for all the good wishes that had been sent to him.

The Lord Mayor announced that this would be Michael Lawther's last council meeting before his retirement and wished him well in his retirement.

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.

The Lord Mayor then welcomed a delegation of students from the Portsmouth University journalism course who attended as part of the local government element of their studies.

The Lord Mayor advised that he had been notified that on 13 March, Her Majesty The Queen was pleased to appoint Mrs Sarah Le May to be High Sheriff of the County of Hampshire.

Finally, the Lord Mayor advised the sad news that the former Lady Mayoress, Mrs Elma Gibson, widow of the late Councillor Ian Gibson, passed away recently. A service will be held in the Church of the Resurrection on Friday 22 March at 11 am.

14. Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24

The City Solicitor advised that one written representation on agenda item 16(a) - Proposal to declare a Climate Emergency in Portsmouth - had been received from Rachel Hudson, Portsmouth Friends of the Earth and had been circulated to members in the chamber.

He also advised that there were three deputations, all on agenda item 16(a).

The first deputation was made by Ms Paula Savage. The second deputation was made by Dr Christopher Brown. The third deputation was made by Mr Nicholas Sebley.

All those making deputations spoke in favour of this item.

The City Solicitor thanked all those who had made deputations.

15. Questions from the Public under Standing Order 25

There were no questions received for today's meeting.

16. Appointments

The Lord Mayor advised that he had not been notified of any appointments for this meeting.

17. Urgent Business

The Lord Mayor advised that urgent business is allowed for under agenda item 7 and that in accordance with Standing Order 26, requisite notice had been given by the Council Leader to the other group leaders. The urgent matter concerned the issue of air quality. The Leader provided an update on the worsening air quality data and advised that a plan to improve air quality was urgently required. He advised that he had written about this matter to Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. He said that the reason for urgency was that this matter had to be acted on now and could not wait till the next council meeting.

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/spokespersons to speak on this matter. Following a short debate the Lord Mayor advised that full council is not the decision maker and consequently no vote would be taken on this matter.

18. Recommendations from the Cabinet Meeting held on 26 February 2019

Minute 21 - Ravelin Group of Companies

This was opposed.

It was

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

That the recommendations contained in minute 21 be approved.

Following debate, upon the recommendations from Cabinet being put to the vote these were CARRIED.

RESOLVED that authority is delegated to the Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council, upon agreement of the business justification cases for each of the proposed development sites, to:-

- (i) make changes to the budgetary framework as necessary**
- (ii) To borrow as required for Ravelin Group development purposes, subject to a robust financial appraisal approved by the Director of Finance & S151 Officer that demonstrates the delivery of the best return to Portsmouth City Council and has proper regard to the following:**
 - The relevant capital and revenue costs and income resulting from the investment over the whole life of the development.**
 - The extent to which the investment is expected to deliver a secure ongoing income stream.**
 - The level of expected return on the investment.**
 - The payback period of the capital investment.**
 - The tax status and transactional tax events associated with any land transfers or activity of the companies.**

19. Recommendations from the Cabinet Meeting held on 12 March 2019**Minute 35 - Annual Capital Strategy**

This was approved unopposed.

Minute 34 - Treasury Management Policy 2019/20

This was opposed to allow for debate.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Steve Pitt

That the recommendations contained in minute 34 be approved.

Following debate upon being put to the vote the recommendations contained in minute 34 were CARRIED.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the treasury management indicators contained in Appendix D be approved;**
- (2) that the attached Treasury Management Policy Statement including the Treasury Management Strategy, and Annual Investment Strategy for 2019/20 be approved;**
- (3) that the following changes compared to the previous Annual Investment Strategy be noted:**
 - (i) That a new category of non-specified investments be added to permit investment in pooled investment vehicles including equity funds, property funds, supply chain finance funds and multi asset funds with a limit of £50m per fund**
 - (ii) That the maximum limit of an investment in a subsidiary company be increased from £20m to £30m**
- (4) the Director of Finance and Information Technology (Section 151 Officer) and officers nominated by him have delegated authority to (paragraph 3.2 of Treasury Management Policy Statement):**
 - (i) invest surplus funds in accordance with the approved Annual Investment Strategy;**
 - (ii) borrow to finance short term cash deficits and capital payments from any reputable source within the authorised**

limit for external debt of £737m approved by the City Council on 12 February 2019;

- (iii) reschedule debt in order to even the maturity profile or to achieve revenue savings;**
 - (iv) to buy and sell foreign currency, and to purchase hedging instruments including forward purchases, forward options and foreign exchange rate swaps to mitigate the foreign exchange risks associated with some contracts that are either priced in foreign currencies or where the price is indexed against foreign currency exchange rates.**
- (5) that the Chief Executive, the Leader of the City Council and the Chair of the Governance and Audit and Standards Committee be informed of any variances from the Treasury Management Policy when they become apparent, and that the Leader of the City Council be consulted on remedial action (paragraph 17.1 of Treasury Management Policy Statement).**

Minute 27 - Modern Slavery Statement

This was opposed to allow for debate.

It was

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

That the recommendations contained in Cabinet minute 27 be approved.

Following debate upon being put to the vote, the recommendations contained in minute 27 were CARRIED.

RESOLVED that Council noted

- i) The Modern Slavery Transparency Statement for publication on the council's website (as at Appendix 1)**
 - ii) The programme of work set out in item 13 of the statement.**
- 20. Recommendations from the Planning, Regeneration & Economic Development Portfolio (PRED) Meeting held on 26 February 2019**

Minute 3 - Review of Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan

This was approved unopposed.

The Leader asked that in future full copies of this plan should only be printed for members on request so as not to waste paper.

21. Recommendations from the Meeting of Employment Committee held on 26 February 2019

Minute 8 - Pay Policy Statement

This was approved unopposed.

22. Recommendations from the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee held on 8 March 2019

Minute 22 - Health and Wellbeing Board Constitution

This was opposed to allow for debate.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Leo Madden

Seconded by Councillor Rob Wood

That the recommendations contained in minute 22 be adopted.

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

RESOLVED that Council approved the changes to the constitution for the Health and Wellbeing Board set out in the report.

23. Appointment of Monitoring Officer

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Donna Jones

That the current Deputy City Solicitor and Deputy Monitoring Officer, Peter Baulf be appointed as Monitoring Officer with effect from 19 May 2019.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED unanimously.

The Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Conservative group both placed on record their thanks to Michael Lawther, the current City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer for all his advice and work for the council and wished him a very happy retirement.

The Lord Mayor added his thanks to Michael Lawther for all the advice and help he had provided to the council. He also congratulated Peter Baulf on his appointment.

24. Notices of Motion

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

Notice of Motion (a) Proposal to Declare a Climate Emergency in Portsmouth

It was

Proposed by Councillor Judith Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Thomas Coles

That this matter be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Judith Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Thomas Coles

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

Following debate, upon being put to the vote notice of motion (a) as set out on the agenda was adopted unanimously.

RESOLVED that the following notice of motion be adopted.

"We are in the middle of a climate emergency which poses a threat to our health, our planet and our children's and grandchildren's future. (Sadiq Khan London Mayor)

The UK exceeded the scientifically agreed safe level of CO₂ in the atmosphere (350ppm) sometime in the late 1990s. Since then we have been gambling with the lives of future generations and other species. Today we have reached the point where, even if we stopped all production of fossil fuelled cars, buses, trains, ships and planes and built no more gas or coal power stations, we would still only have a 64% chance of keeping below the 1.5°C target agreed in Paris in 2015.^{1 2 3 4}

¹ Hansen J, Sato M, Kharecha P, Beerling D, Berner R, *et al.* (2008) *Target Atmospheric CO₂: Where Should Humanity Aim?* The Open Atmospheric Science Journal 2: 217–231.

² Hansen J, Kharecha P, Sato M, Masson-Delmotte V, Ackerman F, Beerling DJ, *et al.* (2013) *Assessing "Dangerous Climate Change": Required Reduction of Carbon Emissions to Protect Young People, Future Generations and Nature.* PLoS ONE 8(12): e81648.

³ IPCC, (2018) *Global Warming of 1.5°C. An IPCC Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty* [Masson-Delmotte, V., P. Zhai, H.-O. Pörtner, D. Roberts, J. Skea, P.R. Shukla, A. Pirani, Moufouma-Okia, C. Péan, R. Pidcock, S. Connors, J.B.R. Matthews, Y. Chen, X. Zhou, M.I. Gomis, E.

In Portsmouth we have very high levels of air pollution on some streets where people live, cycle and walk exposing people to dangerous chemicals. Children are particularly vulnerable. We have also had several breaches to sea defences and are vulnerable to flooding.

48 UK local authorities have declared a climate emergency including Cornwall, the Forest of Dean, Bristol, Lambeth, Nottingham, Lancaster, Brighton and Hove, and Milton Keynes ⁵. 72 cities around the world have also declared a climate emergency committing resources to address this emergency ⁶.

A climate emergency declared by a local authority can be a powerful catalyst for community wide action when paired with a clear action plan. There is no time to waste if we are to avoid the consequences of a rise in global warming above 1.5°C.

We propose that Portsmouth City council asks the Cabinet to Declare a Climate emergency to give a compelling lead to citizens, businesses and other partners of the urgency to reduce our carbon footprint to zero by 2030.

Portsmouth City council has started this journey. CO₂ emissions in Portsmouth have reduced from 1243.5 kilotons in 2005 to 817.9 kilotons in 2016 and the City council has recognised that to avoid the worst impacts of climate change further reductions are needed. ^{7 8} Several separate initiatives are underway. For example, electric car charging points, tree planting, investment in the new plastics recycling plant required to recycle more plastics jointly with Hampshire and Southampton by constructing a new Integra plant and the 'cough, cough' campaign together with reduction of carbon footprint of council premises and services.

Lonnoy, Maycock, M. Tignor, and T. Waterfield (eds.]). *World Meteorological Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, 32 pp.*

⁴ Campaign against Climate Change. (2019). *Councils declaring climate emergency: new hope for climate action?*, from https://www.campaigncc.org/councils_climate_emergency

⁵ C40 Cities. (2019). *Deadline 2020.*, from <https://www.c40.org/other/deadline-2020>

⁶ Greenhouse Gas Protocol. (2019). *GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard*. [Bhatia, P., Cummis, C., Brown, A., Rich, D., Drauker, L., Lahd, H.] *Greenhouse Gas Protocol, Washington, USA.*

⁷ Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. (2018) *Local Authority Carbon Dioxide Emissions Estimates 2016*. London: Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

⁸ Portsmouth City Council. (2019). *Climate change - Portsmouth's priorities.*, from <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/environment/green-living/climate-change---portsmouths-priorities>

However, this is somewhat disjointed and too slow. What is needed is action. Working with local business and other partners we need to develop and agree an ambitious city-wide strategy and clear action plans leading to rapid action which is openly monitored, well led and well governed. We need to enthuse and involve citizens, including young people, in generating ideas and support for green policies, plans and action. We can lead the way as a Green City.

Portsmouth City council will ask the Cabinet to:

- 1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency' then ask partners to sign up including local business, schools and community groups.**
- 2. Pledge to achieve net zero carbon emissions in the Portsmouth by 2030, considering, both production and consumption of emissions according to the Standard provided by the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol ⁶.**
- 3. Require the Leader of the Council to report back to the Council within six months with an action plan, detailing how the Council will work with partners across the City and with central government to ensure that Portsmouth's net carbon emissions (Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emissions as defined by the GHG Protocol) are reduced to zero by 2030.**
- 4. Provide an annual report on Portsmouth GHG emissions, what is working and what is more challenging and progress towards achieving net zero-carbon emissions.**
- 5. Require the Chief Executive to establish a 'Portsmouth Climate Change Board' before the end of July 2019, equivalent to that of Manchester, to underpin our efforts to decarbonise Portsmouth.**
- 6. Write to the government requesting (a) additional powers and funding to make the 2030 target possible and (b) that ministers work with local government and other governments to ensure that the UK maximizes carbon reduction by 2030 in line with the overriding need to limit global warming to a maximum of 1.5°C.**
- 7. Develop and implement a community engagement plan to i) fully inform residents about the need for urgent action on climate change ii) offer a vision of a healthier, more child friendly and greener city that is a model of best practice iii) mobilise residents in the delivery of the action plan"**

Council adjourned at 1703.

Council resumed at 1723.

Notice of Motion (b) - Council Housing

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Suzy Horton

That notice of motion (b) be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Suzy Horton

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

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Luke Stubbs
Seconded by Councillor Donna Jones

"to amend paragraph four to remove the first sentence and replace with

Council notes the views of Gavin Smart, the Deputy CEO of the Chartered Institute of Housing, that affordable housing cannot be built without subsidy. It notes that subsidy can take many forms, including non-cash ones such as discounted land and cross subsidy within development, as well as grants. It further notes that cross-subsidy is the basis for Section 106 housing."

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

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

RESOLVED that the following notice of motion be adopted.

"The City Council recognises that having a decent place to live, and one that families can afford, is hugely important.

The City Council notes the loss of council housing over the last forty years and the retreat from house building by councils.

The City Council has an ambition to increase the amount of council housing available to Portsmouth residents. The City Council welcomes the long overdue Government decision to remove the cap on borrowing for the building of council housing. The City Council asks the Cabinet to look at how this new freedom can be used to accelerate the building of new council housing.

The city council does not support the view expressed by the Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group that the building of new social housing can only be done with a subsidy. Figures from within the city council says that there could be large scale building of new council homes within Portsmouth, and the land the city council owns outside Portsmouth, to help address the huge need and demand for good quality council housing at social rents. It requests the Cabinet to come forward with concrete plans to do this."

Notice of Motion (c) - Paulsgrove Splash Pool

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gemma New
Seconded by Councillor Jo Hooper

That notice of motion (c) be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gemma New
Seconded by Councillor Jo Hooper

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

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Judith Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Thomas Coles

To

"Delete all text in final paragraph after ... "cabinet members for Culture and Leisure & Housing" and replace with

"to take urgent action to plan now. Full council requires swift action on this important leisure facility for the community, in time for use in the school summer holidays, Work will need to be completed no later than 20 July 2019 with immediate consideration of funding from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) or other sources to secure it. Paulsgrove is a community neglected by Central Government and the Administration and need this decisive action now."

The proposer of the original motion agreed to subsume into it the amendment standing in the name of Councillor Smyth.

Upon notice of motion (c) incorporating the amendment being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that the following notice of motion be adopted.

"Paulsgrove splash pool was left for very many years to rot. It was untouched and unkempt, derelict and unused. Just locked away, out of sight with many excuses made to the people of Paulsgrove for why it was closed.

Paulsgrove splash pool, was missed and unable to be enjoyed by the community of Paulsgrove and people naturally asked why.

Under the administration of Portsmouth Conservatives, Paulsgrove Splash Pool was given a new lease of life. Repairs and maintenance were carried out until May 2018, when we were finally able to reopen up this much missed facility back to the community of Paulsgrove.

This is a much loved and gladly welcomed facility that is also used to its full capacity too. Residents of Paulsgrove are extremely pleased to have the splash pool back in use once again.

In Feb 2019, our budget was voted down. In our budget, it allowed for some equipment for Paulsgrove Splash Pool. Equipment such as picnic benches and parasols.

Therefore the council requests the cabinet members for Culture and Leisure & Housing to take urgent action to plan now. Full council requires swift action on this important leisure facility for the community, in time for use in the school summer holidays, Work will need to be completed no later than 20 July 2019 with immediate consideration of funding from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) or other sources to secure it. Paulsgrove is a community neglected by Central Government and the Administration and need this decisive action now "

Notice of Motion (d) The MA Parking Zone

It was

Proposed by Councillor Luke Stubbs
Seconded by Councillor Donna Jones

That notice of motion (d) be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote, this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Luke Stubbs
Seconded by Councillor Donna Jones

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

Council adjourned at 1940.

Council resumed at 1950.

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

RESOLVED that the following notice of motion be adopted.

"The recent introduction of the MB and MC parking zones has had a significant impact on neighbouring streets. One area particularly affected is the long-established MA zone, covering Beatrice Road and Leopold Street. During the hours of operation of the MC zone, between 4 and 6pm, these roads fill up with vehicles that can no longer park in that zone. This means local people have nowhere to leave their cars when they get home from work.

Council regrets this situation and calls on the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation to bring an urgent report to her decision meeting detailing how these problems could be mitigated"

Notice of Motion (e) Portsmouth Stray Dog Kennel Service

It was

Proposed by Councillor Robert New
Seconded by Councillor Hannah Hockaday

That notice of motion (e) be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote, this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Robert New
Seconded by Councillor Hannah Hockaday

That notice of motion (e) 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.

"Portsmouth's stray dog kennel service is one of the best in the country. This service is provided to Portsmouth and the surrounding area by Portsmouth City Council. The service provided by a small team, which is focused on protecting and re-home dogs, is outstanding.

The Portsmouth City Stray Dog Kennels are nationally recognised. The RSPCA have awarded the kennels their "Gold Service Award" three years in a row; this is something Members should be proud of.

Portsmouth City Council wishes to formally recognise the outstanding work being carried out by the staff who run the dog kennels and place

our thanks on record. The council also requests that the cabinet member for Environment and Community Safety writes to members of the city council confirming his intention to continue to expand partnership links, as Cllr Robert New did whilst the Cabinet member in previous years, with organisations such as Battersea Cats and Dog Home. This organisation has assisted Portsmouth City Council in rehoming 'hard to place' dogs and other animals many of whom have suffered abuse or who are scared of people, especially those used for 'baiting' and as protection dogs for criminals such as drug dealers. These partnerships have ensured that dogs have found a 'forever home' rather than being put to sleep. Portsmouth City Council should be proud of these success stories.

Finally the council requests that the cabinet member considers the creation of a 'Dog Friendly City Charter', including exploring better use of enclosed parks, better use of Southsea beach for owners and dogs and continue with the expansion of dog waste bins across the city"

Notice of Motion (f) - Dignity in Social Care - Improving Social Care Services and Jobs

It was

Proposed by Councillor George Fielding
Seconded by Councillor Judith Smyth

That notice of motion (f) be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote, this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor George Fielding
Seconded by Councillor Judith Smyth

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

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Lynne Stagg

"In paragraph two remove 'in principle'.

New paragraph three:

This Council recognises the motion proposed by Gerald Vernon-Jackson and Lynne Stagg to have the UNISON Ethical Care Charter adopted by Portsmouth City Council in 2015 and regrets that the council chose not to back it at the time.

New paragraph six:

This Council welcomes the commitment of the administration of the council to working with Unions to sign and start implementing both Charters in summer 2019."

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Luke Stubbs
Seconded by Councillor Donna Jones

"Replace

This Council asks the Cabinet to encourage those care providers that we currently commission or purchase provision from and to ask the Cabinet to require those care providers that we commission or purchase provision from in future to:-

With

This Council asks the Cabinet to encourage those care providers that we currently or in future commission or purchase provision from to:-

Replace recommendation (4) with

Bring forward a report on the financial impact to the council of adopting the UNISON Ethical and Residential Care Charters and to consider its affordability"

Following debate, upon the amendment standing in the name of Councillor Vernon-Jackson being put to the vote, this was **LOST**.

Upon the amendment standing in the name of Councillor Luke Stubbs being put to the vote, this was **LOST**.

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

RESOLVED that the following notice of motion be adopted.

"This Council notes with alarm the continuing crisis of social care underfunding that makes it hard for local authorities and provider organisations to ensure decent jobs and quality services.

This Council supports in principle the provisions of UNISON's Ethical & Residential care charters. The Council asks the Cabinet to implement the charters at the earliest practicable opportunity, recognising that some aspects of the charters may require additional funding.

This Council welcomes the additional short term funding that the government pledged for social care in the 2017 budget but notes that this does not go far enough and does not represent a sustainable solution.

This Council welcomes UNISON's campaign initiative which aims to expand union membership within the sector to give care workers the support and confidence to lead the public-facing campaign to increase central government funding, improve employee relations and raise standards within the sector.

This Council asks the Cabinet to encourage those care providers that we currently commission or purchase provision from and to ask the Cabinet to require those care providers that we commission or purchase provision from in future to:-

- 1. Respect the right of care staff to organise a union in their workplace and do nothing to undermine the reasonable efforts of staff to organise a union.**
- 2. Allow access to accredited union representatives and officials for membership recruitment activity. Provider organisations should engage positively with union requests for access to staff and, where necessary, agree arrangements that do not disrupt service delivery**
- 3. Pursue a partnership approach to employment relations. We would expect the provider to engage constructively with the union including a recognition and facilities agreement to underpin collective working.**
- 4. Work with the providers and unions to pursue our shared objective of achieving the provisions of the UNISON Ethical and Residential Care Charters**

The Council will ask the Cabinet to write to all current providers of council-commissioned care services at the earliest opportunity to advise them of our expectation that they will comply positively with the above points (1-4). These principles will be enshrined in our future commissioning processes and procedures.

Notice of Motion (g) - Permanent Flag Representation in the Council Chamber

It was

Proposed by Councillor Scott Payter-Harris
Seconded by Councillor Ian Lyon

That notice of motion (g) be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote, this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Scott Payter-Harris
Seconded by Councillor Ian Lyon

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

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

RESOLVED that the following notice of motion be adopted.

"In stark contrast to many other local councils in the UK and around the world, Portsmouth's council chamber does not currently have any fixed flag representation of the city we represent as well as the country to which we are all loyal. We propose that from the next Council Meeting, we have permanently displayed in the chamber a 'triple crown' of 3 flags; namely:

- **A flag/crest of the city in the centre**
- **The Union Flag on one side**
- **The Royal Navy's Ensign on the other side**

These flags individually and together represent the Council's commitment to Portsmouth's residents whom we are elected to serve; our nation as a whole; and our recognition of the importance of the Royal Navy to the city.'

To enable this, the Resources Portfolio holder be asked to meet the cost of this from the Resources Portfolio Reserve."

Councillor Jeanette Smith, Cabinet Member for Resources said that she would be happy to progress this and asked Councillor Payter-Harris to work with her regarding the design.

Notice of Motion (h) - Library Service

The Lord Mayor advised that as the seconder of this motion, Councillor Benedict Swann, was not in the Chamber, this Motion could not be put so falls.

Notice of Motion (i) - St James' Hospital

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones
Seconded by Councillor Luke Stubbs

That notice of motion (i) be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote, this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones
Seconded by Councillor Luke Stubbs

That notice of motion (i) 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

Simon Boshier
Ryan Brent
Yahiya Chowdhury
Tom Coles
John Ferrett
George Fielding
Hannah Hockaday
Jo Hooper
Donna Jones

Ian Lyon
Lee Mason
Stephen Morgan
Gemma New
Robert New
Scott Payter-Harris
Judith Smyth
Luke Stubbs
Neill Young

The following members voted against

Dave Ashmore
Jennie Brent
Ben Dowling
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
Tom Wood

There were no abstentions.

This was therefore CARRIED.

RESOLVED that the following notice of motion be adopted.

“Portsmouth City Council recognises the importance of the development of St James’ Hospital in Milton and the potential impact the development could have on the local community. It has been widely reported that the area at Velder Avenue, very close to this site is one of the worst air pollution sites in the city. The council also notes the pressure on school places and medical facilities in the area.

The city notes that in order to achieve the best outcome for the people of Milton and the surrounding areas, all political parties on the city council must work together. Cross party working is essential when there is a minority administration that does not enjoy the support of a ‘supply and confidence agreement’.

NHS Property Services have confirmed their intention to proceed with the highest and most comprehensive bid for the St James’ hospital site. They have also notified that contracts have been agreed and a completion date set for the summer. With this in mind, the council requests that the Leader of the council release the previously withheld business case for St James’ Hospital to opposition leaders and shadow

spokesperson for Planning, Regeneration & Economic Development so they can better understand the aspiration of the city council with regards this site. The reason for the request is to ensure that should there be any change to the legal purchase of the site, the business case has full and cross party support, ensuring all angles are covered therefore giving Portsmouth City Council a greater chance of acquiring parts of the site in the future. We, the members of Portsmouth City Council wish to work together in a cross party way and encourage the leader of the council to support this open and democratic way of working by sharing the private and withheld business case for this important site.”

25. Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17

There were three questions from members under Standing Order No 17.

Question 1 was from Councillor Judith Smyth

"Are you aware of the problems that the introduction of the MB and MC zones have caused for many residents and to the people living in the surrounding areas and the fears of people living in the proposed zone MD?"

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

Question 2 was from Councillor Luke Stubbs

"The lifting of the cap on contributions for day care services within the Learning Disability service will have a huge impact on a small number of clients.

There is one service user who faces a weekly extra charge in excess of £400 per week. The family involved have only recently been made aware of this extra charge. Will the Cabinet Member consider providing some form of relief or an extended transition period in this particular case?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for Health Wellbeing and Social Care, Councillor Matthew Winnington.

Question 3 was from Councillor Judith Smyth

"Are there any plans to reform the City Council's constitution to give Full Council appropriate decision making powers?"

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

The Lord Mayor said that this is the last council meeting before the local elections so thanked colleagues for their support during the year and wished all those members not seeking re-election best wishes for the future in their non-councillor life and thanked them for the excellent service they had given

to the council. He also took the opportunity to invite members back to the parlour for light refreshments.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 pm.

Lord Mayor