MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Guildhall Portsmouth on Tuesday, 19 May 2020 at 10.00 am

Council Members Present

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor Councillor David Fuller (in the Chair until minute 37)

Councillors

Dave Ashmore Stephen Morgan Gemma New Matthew Atkins Chris Attwell Robert New Terry Norton Simon Bosher Tom Coles Steve Pitt Will Purvis Cal Corkery Ben Dowling **Darren Sanders** Jason Fazackarley Jeanette Smith George Fielding Judith Smyth John Ferrett Lynne Stagg Scott Payter-Harris Luke Stubbs **Graham Heaney** Benedict Swann Hannah Hockaday Linda Symes Jo Hooper Claire Udy

Suzy Horton Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE

Lee Hunt Steve Wemyss
Frank Jonas BEM Matthew Winnington

Donna Jones Rob Wood
Leo Madden Tom Wood
Hugh Mason Neill Young
Lee Mason

Stewart Agland, Local Democracy Manager, welcomed everyone to the first virtual meeting to be held by Portsmouth City Council and advised that the meeting is being broadcast to enable the Press and public to view the meeting.

He said that the Council is meeting virtually in response to the limitations placed on governance by the COVID-19 pandemic. Until recently the law stated that all Members had to be present in the room to make formal decisions at meetings. However, the law has been amended in response to the COVID-19 emergency, and Councils are now able to hold public meetings virtually.

For the purposes of this meeting and having been advised by the City Solicitor, the Local Democracy Manager confirmed that pursuant to section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020, this meeting will be run by reference to the model Standing Orders as set out in The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) Regulations 2020 No 392 (The Regulations).

The Dean then said prayers.

The Lord Mayor then spoke to give thanks to those who had supported him during his year in office and the money raised for local charities.

34. Vote of thanks to the Retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress

The Lord Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

It was

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

That a vote of thanks be given to the retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

It was RESOLVED unanimously that the Council places on record its sincere thanks to Councillor David Fuller and Mrs Leza Tremorin for their outstanding service to the City as Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress during their year of office.

That the Council expresses its great appreciation of the fine qualities which Councillor David Fuller brought to the conduct of the business of this Council, his devotion to duty, and the distinction and goodwill with which he carried out the many and various duties of the office of Lord Mayor.

That the Council also places on record its gratitude to Mrs Leza Tremorin for the untiring support and help which she has given as Lady Mayoress to the Lord Mayor.

That this resolution be engrossed and be presented to Councillor David Fuller and Mrs Leza Tremorin at a later ceremony.

35. Election of the Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson nominated Councillor Robert Wood for election to the Office of Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year. The nomination was seconded by Councillor Steve Pitt.

There being no other nominations, the Lord Mayor put the proposal which was CARRIED unanimously and he declared Councillor Robert Wood duly elected Lord Mayor.

The new Lord Mayor then took the affirmation of office and would sign the formal Declaration of Acceptance of Office at a later date.

36. Investiture of the new Lady Mayoress

Mrs Debra Wood, the new Lady Mayoress, would sign the formal affirmation at a later date.

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37. New Lord Mayor takes the Chair and returns thanks to the Council

Councillor Rob Wood took the Chair. He thanked members of the Council for his election and gave a short speech.

38. Appointment of the Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year

Councillor Donna Jones nominated Councillor Frank Jonas to be the Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing municipal year. This nomination was seconded by Councillor Scott Payter-Harris.

There being no other nominations, the Lord Mayor put the proposal which was CARRIED unanimously and he declared Councillor Frank Jonas duly elected as the Deputy Lord Mayor.

The Deputy Lord Mayor then took the affirmation of office and would sign the formal Declaration of Acceptance of Office at a later date.

Councillor Frank Jonas would be supported by his sister Mrs Joy Maddox as Deputy Lady Mayoress who would sign the formal affirmation at a later date.

39. Appointment of Chaplains to the City Council

The Lord Mayor announced that Dr Anthony Cane and Reverend Tracey Ansell had been appointed as chaplains for the ensuing municipal year.

The Lord Mayor advised that in the circumstances, it is not considered appropriate to appoint any new Lord Mayor's cadets for the ensuing municipal year due to the limited opportunities they will have to undertake their role. The current Lord Mayor's cadets will remain in post to enable them to complete a full year.

40. Civic Awards and Youth Civic Award

The Civic Awards and Youth Civic Award will be announced at a more appropriate time and will be presented in a separate ceremony.

41. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of Members' interests.

42. Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17 March 2020

It was

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

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary council meeting held on 17 March 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

43. Communications and Apologies

No apologies for absence had been received.

44. Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24

There were no deputations from Members of the public.

45. Office of Leader of the Council

Under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the current Leader of the City Council, Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson will remain in office until May 2023 subject to the conditions set out on the agenda.

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

The Lord Mayor explained that the Council Leader is empowered to determine the number of councillors on the Cabinet and decide portfolios and portfolio remits and to select one of the appointed members to the position of Deputy Leader. The Leader announced his Cabinet and confirmed that Councillor Steve Pitt would remain as Deputy Leader. Cabinet positions, including the opposition spokespersons provided by the respective Group Leaders are attached to these minutes as Appendix 1.

The membership of the Health & Wellbeing Board which is in the gift of the Leader would be circulated at a later date.

RESOLVED that Council

- (1) noted the 10 portfolios (including the Leader) for the ensuing municipal year as set out in Appendix 1 attached to these minutes;
- (2) noted the membership of the Health & Wellbeing Board for the ensuing municipal year would be circulated at a later date.

47. Proportional Representation on Panels and Committees

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

It was

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

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

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

Proportionality Chart (May 2020)

Groups	1	2	3	4	5	6
	No of Clirs	Total No of Cttee Seats	Licensing Committee (15 Members)	Planning Committee (10 Members)	7 committees and panels (see note) (6 Members each)	Scrutiny Management Panel (9 Members)
Liberal Democrat	17	31* (but 1* gifted to PPPG)	6* but gifted *1 seat to PPPG	4	17	4
Conservative	15	27 (was 29)	5 (was 6)	4	14 (was15)	4
Labour	6	11	2	1	7	1
PPP	2	3* (4 th seat gifted by LD)	*1 *gifted 1 seat by LD	1	2	
Non-Aligned Independent JF	1	2	1		1	
Non-Aligned Independent LM	1	2	1 (was 0)		1 (was 0)	
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^{*} Liberal Democrat Group gifted 1 seat to Progressive Portsmouth People.

Liberal Democrat (30 seats)

- 5 seats on Licensing Committee
- 4 seats on Planning Committee
- 2 seats on each of the 7 Regulatory/Scrutiny bodies +1 addition on three of them (max 3)
- 4 seats on Scrutiny Management Panel

Conservative (27 seats)

- 5 seats on Licensing Committee
- 4 seats on Planning Committee
- 2 seats on each of the 7 Regulatory/Scrutiny bodies
- 4 seats on Scrutiny Management Panel

Labour (11 seats)

- 2 seats on Licensing Committee
- 1 seat on Planning Committee
- 7 seats on the 7 Regulatory/Scrutiny bodies
- 1 seat on Scrutiny Management Panel

Progressive Portsmouth People (4 seats)

- 1 seat on Licensing Committee
- 1 seat on Planning Committee
- 2 seats on the 7 Regulatory/Scrutiny bodies

Non-Aligned Independents (2 seats each) [Cllrs Ferrett & L. Mason]

Both Members are each entitled to have 1 seat on one of the 7 Regulatory/ Scrutiny bodies and it proposed each of their other seats is both on the Licensing Committee.

All groups where possible, to name 3 Standing Deputies (5 in respect of the Planning Committee) per political group.

RESOLVED (1) that the total number of seats on Committees and Panels be divided amongst the political groups and individual members as applicable in accordance with Table 1 above.

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

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

Licensing Committee

15 Members and 3 standing deputies per group represented

Group	Position 2020-20	Nomination (name) for 2019-20
Liberal Democrat		David Ashmore
2. Liberal Democrat		Chris Attwell
3. Liberal Democrat		Jason Fazackarley
4. Liberal Democrat		Leo Madden
5. Liberal Democrat		Gerald Vernon-Jackson
6. Conservative	Vice Chair	Scott Payter-Harris
7. Conservative		Hannah Hockaday
8. Conservative		Robert New

9. Conservative		Benedict Swann
10. Conservative		Linda Symes
11.Labour		Tom Coles
12. Labour		George Fielding
13. Progress Portsmouth People	Chair	Claire Udy (gifted from LD)
14.NA Independent (JF)		John Ferrett
15.NA Independent (LM)		Lee Mason
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Hugh Mason
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	David Fuller
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Lee Hunt
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Jo Hooper
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Gemma New
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Steve Wemyss
Labour	Standing Deputy	Cal Corkery
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Progressive Portsmouth People	Standing Deputy	Vacant

Planning Committee
10 Members and 5 standing deputies per group represented Indicate "Chair" & "Vice Chair" in position column.

Group	Position for 2020-21	Nomination for 2020-21
Liberal Democrat	Chair	David Fuller
2. Liberal Democrat		Lee Hunt
3. Liberal Democrat		Lynne Stagg
4. Liberal Democrat		Gerald Vernon-Jackson
5. Conservative		Matthew Atkins
6. Conservative		Donna Jones
7. Conservative		Terry Norton
8. Conservative		Luke Stubbs
9. Labour	Vice Chair	Judith Smyth
10. Progressive Portsmouth People		Claire Udy
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Chris Attwell
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Hugh Mason
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Steve Pitt
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Tom Wood
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Jo Hooper
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Frank Jonas
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Gemma New

Conservative	Standing Deputy	Robert New
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Scott Payter Harris
Labour	Standing Deputy	George Fielding
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Progressive Portsmouth People	Standing Deputy	Vacant

Scrutiny Management Panel

9 Members and 3 standing deputies per group represented Indicate "Chair" & "Vice Chair" in position column.

Group	Position for 2020-21	Nomination for 2020-21
Liberal Democrat	Chair	Jason Fazackarley
2. Liberal Democrat		Ben Dowling
3. Liberal Democrat	Vice Chair	Leo Madden
4. Liberal Democrat		Will Purvis
5. Conservative		Simon Bosher
6. Conservative		Jo Hooper
7. Conservative		Scott Payter-Harris
8. Conservative		Benedict Swann
9. Labour		George Fielding
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Chris Attwell
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	David Fuller
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Donna Jones
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Luke Stubbs
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Labour	Standing Deputy	Tom Coles
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant

Governance & Audit & Standards Committee

Group	Position for 2020-21	Nomination for 2020-21
1. Liberal Democrat	Chair	Leo Madden
2. Liberal Democrat		Chris Attwell
3. Conservative	Vice Chair	Simon Bosher
4. Conservative		Neill Young

5. Labour		Judith Smyth
6. NA Independent		John Ferrett
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Ben Dowling
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Matthew Atkins
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Donna Jones
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Terry Norton
Labour	Standing Deputy	Graham Heaney
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant

Employment Committee

6 Members and 3 standing deputies per group represented. Indicate "Chair" & "Vice Chair" in position column.

Group	Position for 2020-21	Nomination for 2020-21
Liberal Democrat	Chair	Ben Dowling
Liberal Democrat		Darren Sanders
3. Conservative	Vice Chair	Donna Jones
4. Conservative		Matthew Atkins
5. Labour		Cal Corkery
6. Liberal Democrat		Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Hugh Mason
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Lynne Stagg
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Matthew Winnington
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Simon Bosher
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Luke Stubbs
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Linda Symes
Labour	Standing Deputy	Tom Coles
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant

Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel

Group	Position for 2020-21	Nomination for 2020-21
Liberal Democrat	Chair	Chris Attwell
2. Liberal Democrat		Leo Madden
3. Conservative		Steve Wemyss
4. NA Independent	Vice-Chair	Lee Mason
5. Labour		Graham Heaney
6. Liberal Democrat		Not filling at this time
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Gemma New
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Robert New
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Luke Stubbs
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant

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

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

Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel

Group	Position for 2020-21	Nomination for 2020-21
Liberal Democrat		Ben Dowling
Liberal Democrat		David Fuller
3. Conservative		Frank Jonas
4. Conservative		Robert New
5. Labour	Chair	George Fielding
6. PPP		Jeanette Smith
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Jason Fazackarley
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Hannah Hockaday

Conservative	Standing Deputy	Scott Payter-Harris
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Linda Symes
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant

Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel

6 Members and 3 standing deputies per group represented. Indicate "Chair" & "Vice Chair" in position column.

Group	Position for 2020-21	Nomination for 2020-21
1. Liberal Democrat		Ben Dowling
2. Liberal Democrat		David Fuller
3. Conservative	Chair	Frank Jonas
4. Conservative		Hannah Hockaday
5. Labour	Vice Chair	Tom Coles
6. PPP		Jeanette Smith
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Chris Attwell
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Terry Norton
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Neill Young
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Jo Hooper
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant

Housing and Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Group	Position for 2020-21	Nomination for 2020-21	
1. Liberal Democrat		Chris Attwell	
2. Liberal Democrat		Jason Fazackarley	
3. Conservative	Chair	Luke Stubbs	
4. Conservative		Steve Wemyss	

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5. Labour	Vice Chair	Cal Corkery	
6. Liberal Democrat		Leo Madden	
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Ben Dowling	
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Vacant	
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Vacant	
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Hannah Hockaday	
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Benedict Swann	
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Neill Young	
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant	
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant	
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant	

Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny

6 Members and 3 standing deputies per group represented. Indicate "Chair" & "Vice Chair" in position column.

Group	Position for 2020-21	Nomination for 2020-21	
Liberal Democrat		Jason Fazackarley	
2. Liberal Democrat		Leo Madden	
3. Conservative	Chair	Simon Bosher	
4. Conservative		Jo Hooper	
5. Labour	Vice Chair	Judith Smyth	
6. Conservative		Robert New	
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Chris Attwell	
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Vacant	
Liberal Democrat	Standing Deputy	Vacant	
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Matthew Atkins	
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Benedict Swann	
Conservative	Standing Deputy	Steve Wemyss	
Labour	Standing Deputy	Graham Heaney	
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant	
Labour	Standing Deputy	Vacant	

RESOLVED (4) that the following appointments be made for 2020/21 municipal year:

Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority (1 member)

Appointed: Councillor Jason Fazackarley

Police and Crime Panel (1 Member)

Appointed: Councillor Lee Hunt

Local Government Association General Assembly (4 Members) Appointed:

- 1. Councillor Lee Mason (gifted by Conservatives)
- 2. Councillor Judith Smyth
- 3. Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
- 4. Councillor Darren Sanders

Portsmouth City Council has up to 5 votes on the LGA, which are usually exercised by the party forming the City Council's political administration.

Langstone Harbour Board (6 Members)

Appointed:

- 1. Councillor Graham Heaney
- 2. Councillor Lee Mason (gifted by Conservatives)
- 3. Councillor Darren Sanders
- 4. Councillor Robert New
- 5. Councillor Jeanette Smith
- Councillor Matthew Winnington Standing deputy: Councillor Hugh Mason Standing deputy Councillor Matthew Atkins

Twinning Advisory Group (Al14) (6 Members)

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

6 Members appointed (not required to be politically proportional): -

- Councillor Tom Wood (Chair, ex-officio, Resources Portfolio holder)
- 2. Councillor Rob Wood (Vice-Chair, ex-officio, Lord Mayor)
- 3. Councillor Leo Madden
- 4. Councillor Tom Coles
- 5. Councillor Chris Attwell
- 6. Councillor Linda Symes

48. Urgent and Important Business in accordance with Standing Order No 26

There was no urgent business.

49. To approve the following dates for meetings of the Council during the 2020/21 municipal year to commence at 2pm unless otherwise indicated

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson Seconded by Councillor Donna Jones That the dates and times for the Council meetings for the next municipal year (2020/21) as set out in agenda item 16, be approved and that the provisional dates for 2021/22 Council meetings also set out in agenda item 16, be agreed in principle, subject to later ratification.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

RESOLVED (1) that the meetings of the Council be held on the following dates in the 2020/21 municipal year to commence at 2.00 pm unless otherwise indicated:

21 July 2020 12 January 2021 (provisional)

13 October 2020 9 February 2021 10 November 2020 16 March 2021

8 December 2020 18 May 2021 (Annual) (10:00am)

(2) that the following provisional council meeting dates for 2021/22 be agreed in principle subject to later ratification:

20 July 2021 18 January 2022 (provisional)

12 October 2021 8 February 2022 9 November 2021 15 March 2022

7 December 2021 17 May 2022 (Annual) (10:00am)

All meetings to start at 2pm unless otherwise stated.

The meeting concluded at 10.50 am.

Lord Mayor			