

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL (reconvened)
held at the Guildhall, Portsmouth on Tuesday, 18 May 2021 at 11.20 am

Council Members Present

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor
Councillor Frank Jonas BEM (in the Chair)

Councillors

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| Dave Ashmore | Leo Madden |
| Matthew Atkins | George Madgwick |
| Chris Attwell | Hugh Mason |
| Kimberly Barrett | Lee Mason |
| Simon Boshier | Kirsty Mellor |
| Ryan Brent | Robert New |
| Stuart Brown | Terry Norton |
| Tom Coles | Scott Payter-Harris |
| Cal Corkery | Darren Sanders |
| Ben Dowling | Jeanette Smith |
| Jason Fazackarley | John Smith |
| George Fielding | Judith Smyth |
| Charlotte Gerada | Lynne Stagg |
| Lewis Gosling | Luke Stubbs |
| Graham Heaney | Benedict Swann |
| Hannah Hockaday | Linda Symes |
| Ian Holder | Claire Udy |
| Jo Hooper | Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE |
| Suzy Horton | Daniel Wemyss |
| Lee Hunt | Rob Wood |

33. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of members' interests.

34. Minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings held on 16 March 2021

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Matthew Atkins

That the minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings held on 16 March 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings held on 21 March 2021 be confirmed and signed as correct records.

35. Communications and apologies for absence

The Lord Mayor advised that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Gemma New.

The Lord Mayor referred to the sad death last month of former Portsmouth North MP and Freeman of the City of Portsmouth, Frank Judd, Baron Judd of Portsea. He said that our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

The Lord Mayor had been informed of the following appointments: Councillor Matthew Atkins as Leader of the Conservative Group; Councillor Ryan Brent as Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group; Councillor Suzy Horton as Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group.

36. Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24

The Lord Mayor advised that there were no deputations.

37. Leader of the City Council

Under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the current leader of the City Council will remain in office until May 2023 unless

- a) they resign from office
- b) they are no longer a councillor
- c) they are removed from office by resolution of the Council.

The Lord Mayor advised that he had been notified of Councillor Atkin's intention to submit and move a written Notice of Motion of no confidence in the Council Leader and that in order for it to be put, Standing Order 32 would need to be suspended in respect of notice.

It was proposed and seconded that Standing Order 32 in respect of notice be suspended.

Upon being put to the vote this vote to suspend was past.

RESOLVED that Standing Order 32 in respect of notice be suspended.

Consequently it was -

Proposed by Councillor Matthew Atkins

Seconded by Councillor Ryan Brent

That under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 the current City Council Leader, Councillor Vernon-Jackson, be removed with immediate effect from the Office of Leader of the City Council.

Upon being put to the vote, a majority voted against the motion.

RESOLVED that the notice of motion is lost

Note - Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson continues as Leader of the City Council accordingly.

38. 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; the details of the Cabinet (with opposition spokespersons provided by the respective Group Leaders) (attached to these minutes as Appendix 1).

Note the membership of the Health & Wellbeing Board, which is in the gift of the Leader, would be published subsequently.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Council noted the 10 portfolios (including the Leader) for the ensuing municipal year as set out in Appendix 1 attached to these minutes;**

39. 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 Matthew Atkins

To adopt the overall political balance and allocation of seats schedule circulated in the Auditorium 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 (including five contested positions) the Council agreed all the appointments as detailed below.

| | Group Strength | # total Seats | Licensing | Plan | Reg./ Scrutiny | SMP |
|---|----------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------|
| Conservative | 16 | 29 | 6 | 4 | 16 | 3 |
| Liberal Democrat | 15 | 27 | 5 | 4 | 15 | 3 |
| Labour | 7 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 2 |
| Progressive Portsmouth People Group | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Non-Aligned Independent Linda Symes | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Non-Aligned Independent George Madgwick | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | 42 | 76 | 15 | 10 | 42 | 9 |

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

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

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

Licensing Committee

| Group | Position for 2021-22 | Nominations for 2021-22 |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Liberal Democrat | | Jason Fazackarley |
| 2. Liberal Democrat | | Ian Holder |
| 3. Liberal Democrat | | David Ashmore |
| 4. Liberal Democrat | | Stuart Brown |
| 5. Liberal Democrat | | Kimberly Barrett |
| 6. Conservative | Vice-Chair | Scott Payter-Harris |
| 7. Conservative | | Lee Mason |
| 8. Conservative | | Benedict Swann |
| 9. Conservative | | Hannah Hockaday |

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| 10. Conservative | | Daniel Wemyss |
| 11. Conservative | | Robert New |
| 12. Labour | | Tom Coles |
| 13. Labour | | Charlotte Gerada |
| 14. Progressive Portsmouth People | Chair | Claire Udy |
| 15. Independent | | George Madgwick |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Leo Madden |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Darren Sanders |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Chris Attwell |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Gemma New |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Matthew Atkins |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | John Smith |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | George Fielding |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Cal Corkery |
| <i>PPPG</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |

Planning Committee

| Group | Position for 2021-22 | Nomination for 2021-22 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Liberal Democrat | Chair | Lee Hunt |
| 2. Liberal Democrat | Vice Chair | Chris Attwell |
| 3. Liberal Democrat | | Lynne Stagg |
| 4. Liberal Democrat | | G Vernon-Jackson |
| 5. Conservative | | Matthew Atkins |
| 6. Conservative | | John Smith |
| 7. Conservative | | Robert New |
| 8. Conservative | | Jo Hooper |
| 9. Labour | | George Fielding |
| 10. Labour | | Judith Smyth |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Darren Sanders |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Rob Wood |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Dave Ashmore |

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| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Kimberly Barrett |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Scott Payter-Harris |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Luke Stubbs |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Terry Norton |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Cal Corkery |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Kirsty Mellor |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
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Scrutiny Management Panel

| Group | Position for 2021-22 | Nomination for 2021-22 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Liberal Democrat | | Stuart Brown |
| 2. Liberal Democrat | | Leo Madden |
| 3. Liberal Democrat | | Rob Wood |
| 4. Conservative | Chair | Simon Boshier |
| 5. Conservative | | Scott Payer-Harris |
| 6. Conservative | | Jo Hooper |
| 7. Labour | | Graham Heaney |
| 8. Labour | | George Fielding |
| 9. Independent | | Linda Symes |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Ian Holder |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Lee Hunt |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Daniel Wemyss |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Matthew Atkins |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | <i>Cal Corkery</i> |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | <i>Judith Smyth</i> |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |

Governance & Audit & Standards Committee

| Group | Position for 2021-22 | Nomination for 2021-22 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Liberal Democrat | Chair | Leo Madden |
| 2. Liberal Democrat | | Stuart Brown |
| 3. Conservative | Vice-Chair | Simon Boshier |
| 4. Conservative | | Daniel Wemyss |
| 5. Labour | | Charlotte Gerada |
| 6. Liberal Democrat | | Lee Hunt |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Rob Wood |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Ryan Brent |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | John Smith |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Lewis Gosling |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | <i>Graham Heaney</i> |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |

Employment Committee

| Group | Position for 2021-22 | Nomination for 2021-22 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Liberal Democrat | Chair | Gerald Vernon-Jackson |
| 2. Liberal Democrat | | Darren Sanders |
| 3. Conservative | Vice-Chair | Matthew Atkins |
| 4. Conservative | | Lewis Gosling |
| 5. Labour | | Cal Corkery |
| 6. Progressive Portsmouth People | | Jeanette Smith |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Suzy Horton |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Ben Dowling |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Ryan Brent |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Gemma New |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |

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| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | <i>George Fielding</i> |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |

Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel

| Group | Position for 2021-22 | Nomination for 2021-22 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Liberal Democrat | Chair | Ian Holder |
| 2. Liberal Democrat | | Rob Wood |
| 3. Conservative | Vice-Chair | Lee Mason |
| 4. Conservative | | Matthew Atkins |
| 5. Labour | | Judith Smyth |
| 6. PPPG | | Vacancy |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Lee Hunt |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Stuart Brown |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Ryan Brent |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Gemma New |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Kirsty Mellor |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |

Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel

| Group | Position for 2021-22 | Nomination for 2021-22 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Liberal Democrat | | Leo Madden |
| 2. Liberal Democrat | | Rob Wood |
| 3. Conservative | Vice-Chair | Hannah Hockaday |
| 4. Conservative | | Gemma New |
| 5. Labour | Chair | George Fielding |
| 6. Independent | | George Madgwick |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Lee Hunt |

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| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Ian Holder |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Benedict Swann |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Robert New |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Judith Smyth |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |

Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel

| Group | Position for 2021-22 | Nomination for 2021-22 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Liberal Democrat | | Ian Holder |
| 2. Liberal Democrat | | Rob Wood |
| 3. Conservative | Chair | Ryan Brent |
| 4. Conservative | | Hannah Hockaday |
| 5. Labour | | Tom Coles |
| 6. Conservative | | Terry Norton |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Leo Madden |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Lee Hunt |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Scott Payter-Harris |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | <i>Cal Corkery</i> |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |

Housing and Social Care Scrutiny Panel

| Group | Position for 2021-22 | Nomination for 2021-22 |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Liberal Democrat | | Lee Hunt |
| 2. Liberal Democrat | | Stuart Brown |
| 3. Conservative | | Robert New |
| 4. Conservative | | Gemma New |

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| 5. Labour | Chair | Cal Corkery |
| 6. Independent | | Linda Symes |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Rob Wood |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Ian Holder |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Matthew Atkins |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Lewis Gosling |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Scott Payter-Harris |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | <i>Tom Coles</i> |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |

Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny

| Group | Position for 2021-22 | Nomination for 2021-22 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Liberal Democrat | | Leo Madden |
| 2. Liberal Democrat | | Stuart Brown |
| 3. Conservative | | Simon Bosher |
| 4. Conservative | | Jo Hooper |
| 5. Conservative | Chair | Lee Mason |
| 6. Labour | | Charlotte Gerada |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Lee Hunt |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Rob Wood |
| <i>Liberal Democrat</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Ian Holder |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Ryan Brent |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Benedict Swann |
| <i>Conservative</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | Graham Heaney |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |
| <i>Labour</i> | <i>Standing Deputy</i> | |

RESOLVED (4) that the following appointments be made for 2021/2022 municipal year:

Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority (1 member) - Councillor Jason Fazackarley

Police and Crime Panel (1 member) - Councillor Dave Ashmore; Deputy - Cllr Kirsty Mellor

Local Government Association General Assembly (4 members)

Membership:

1. Councillor Lee Mason
2. Councillor George Fielding
3. Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
4. Councillor Suzy Horton

(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)

Membership:

1. Councillor Graham Heaney
 2. Councillor Lee Mason
 3. Councillor Darren Sanders
 4. Councillor Robert New
 5. Councillor Jeanette Smith
 6. Councillor Kimberly Barrett
- with Standing Deputies Councillors Hugh Mason and Matthew Atkins.

Twinning Advisory Group

Membership:

1. Councillor Chris Attwell (Chair, Communities and Central Services Portfolio holder)
2. Councillor Frank Jonas (Vice-Chair, ex-officio Lord Mayor)
3. Councillor Leo Madden
4. Councillor Linda Symes
5. Councillor Tom Coles
6. Councillor Jason Fazackarley
7. Councillor Lee Mason

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

There was no urgent and important business.

41. To approve the following dates for meetings of the Council during the 2021/2022 municipal year as required under Standing Order 6 and 10k, to commence at 2pm unless otherwise indicated

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Matthew Atkins

That the dates and times for the Council meetings for the next municipal year (2021/2022) as set out in agenda item 16, be approved and that the provisional dates for the 2022/23 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 2021/2022 municipal year to commence at 2 pm unless otherwise indicated:

| | |
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| 20 July 2021 | 18 January 2022 (provisional) |
| 12 October 2021 | 15 February 2022 |
| 9 November 2021 | 15 March 2022 |
| 7 December 2021 | 17 May 2022 (Annual) (10:00am) |

RESOLVED (2) that the following provisional council meeting dates for 2022/2023 be agreed in principle subject to later ratification:

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|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 19 July 2022 | 17 January 2023 (provisional) |
| 11 October 2022 | 14 February 2023 |
| 8 November 2022 | 14 March 2023 |
| 6 December 2022 | 16 May 2023 (Annual) (10.00am) |

The meeting concluded at 11.50 am.

Lord Mayor

Cabinet & Portfolios for 2021/2022

| Portfolio | Cabinet Member (Councillor) | Opposition Group Spokespersons (Councillor) | |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| The Leader | Gerald Vernon-Jackson (Leader) (Liberal Democrat) | Matthew Atkins George Fielding Claire Udy | (Conservative) (Labour) (PPPG) |
| Children, Families & Education | Suzy Horton (Deputy Leader) (Liberal Democrat) | Terry Norton Judith Smyth Jeanette Smith | (Conservative) (Labour) (PPPG) |
| Climate Change and the Green Recovery | Kimberly Barrett (Liberal Democrat) | Robert New Charlotte Gerada Claire Udy | (Conservative) (Labour) (PPPG) |
| Culture, Leisure and Economic Development | Ben Dowling (Liberal Democrat) | Luke Stubbs Tom Coles Claire Udy | (Conservative) (Labour) (PPPG) |
| Community Safety & Environment | Dave Ashmore (Liberal Democrat) | Gemma New Kirsty Mellor | (Conservative) (Labour) (PPPG) |
| Health, Wellbeing & Social Care | Jason Fazackarley (Liberal Democrat) | Lewis Gosling Kirsty Mellor Jeanette Smith | (Conservative) (Labour) (PPP) |
| Housing and Preventing Homelessness | Darren Sanders (Liberal Democrat) | Scott Payter-Harris Cal Corkery | (Conservative) (Labour) (PPPG) |
| Planning Policy & City Development | Hugh Mason (Liberal Democrat) | Ryan Brent Judith Smyth | (Conservative) (Labour) (PPPG) |
| Communities and Central Services | Chris Attwell (Liberal Democrat) | Lee Mason George Fielding Jeanette Smith | (Conservative) (Labour) (PPPG) |
| Traffic and Transportation | Lynne Stagg (Liberal Democrat) | Simon Boshier Graham Heaney | (Conservative) (Labour) (PPPG) |

PPPG = Progressive Portsmouth People Group