

MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Guildhall Portsmouth on Tuesday, 17 May 2022 at 10.00 am

Council Members Present

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

Councillors

Yinka Adeniran	Brian Madgwick
Dave Ashmore	George Madgwick
Matthew Atkins	Hugh Mason
Chris Attwell	Lee Mason
Kimberly Barrett	Kirsty Mellor
Simon Boshier	Gemma New
Ryan Brent	Robert New
Stuart Brown	Terry Norton
Tom Coles	Scott Payter-Harris
Cal Corkery	Steve Pitt
Jason Fazackarley	Darren Sanders
George Fielding	Asghar Shah
Charlotte Gerada	Russell Simpson
Lewis Gosling	John Smith
Graham Heaney	Judith Smyth
Ian Holder	Lynne Stagg
Suzy Horton	Benedict Swann
Lee Hunt	Linda Symes
Mark Jeffery	Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Abdul Kadir	Daniel Wemyss
Leo Madden	Matthew Winnington

*Councillor Cal Corkery was present for minutes 40 to 49 only.

40. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress

It was Proposed by Councillor Simon Boshier

Seconded by Councillor Scott Payter-Harris.

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 Frank Jonas and Mrs Joy Maddox 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 Frank Jonas had 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 Joy Maddox for her 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 Frank Jonas and Mrs Joy Maddox at this ceremony.

The retiring Lord Mayor was presented with the Council's gift of an engrossed scroll which signifies the Council's appreciation of his time in office.

41. To elect the Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson nominated Councillor Hugh Mason for election to the Office of Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The nomination was seconded by Councillor Suzy Horton.

As there were no other nominations, the Lord Mayor put the proposal to the vote, following which it was which was declared CARRIED that Councillor Hugh Mason be duly elected Lord Mayor.

Councillor Hugh Mason then left the chamber with the retiring Lord Mayor to don the Lord Mayor's robes and chain of office.

42. New Lord Mayor takes the Chair

Councillor Hugh Mason took the chair and thereupon made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by the City Solicitor.

43. Presentation of the Portsmouth Sword and the Keys of the City

The Lord Mayor received the Portsmouth Sword and the Keys of the Fortress of Portsmouth presented to him on behalf of the Royal Navy.

44. The Lord Mayor returns thanks to the Council

The Lord Mayor thanked members of the Council for his election and detailed his ambitions for the year. He spoke about his charitable appeals for the coming year which were the Honor Waite Charity and to provide a Hovermat system for the Rheumatology Department at the Queen Alexander Hospital.

The Lady Mayoress would be raising funds for her nominated charity for the year, which was Aurora New Dawn.

45. Investiture of the New Lady Mayoress

Ms Marie Costa, the new Lady Mayoress, signed a document of office witnessed by the City Solicitor.

46. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Deputy Lord Mayor and Deputy Lady Mayoress

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier

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

It was RESOLVED unanimously that the council places on record its sincere thanks to Councillor Rob Wood and Mrs Debra Wood for their fine work in supporting the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress during their year of office.

47. To appoint the Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year

Councillor Charlotte Gerada nominated Councillor Tom Coles as the Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing municipal year. This nomination was seconded by Councillor Graham Heaney.

There being no other nominations, the Lord Mayor put the proposal, which was CARRIED unanimously and he declared Councillor Tom Coles duly elected as the Deputy Lord Mayor and he made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. This was witnessed by the City Solicitor.

The Chief Executive announced that Councillor Tom Coles would be supported by his Deputy Lady Mayoress, Nikki Coles. The Deputy Lady Mayoress then made and subscribed a document undertaking to support the Deputy Lord Mayor in carrying out his official duties which was witnessed by the City Solicitor.

48. Appointment of Chaplains to the City Council

The Dean of Portsmouth, the Very Reverend Anthony Cane, and Reverend Bob Mason were appointed as Chaplains to the City Council.

49. Announcement and presentation of Civic Awards

The Lord Mayor announced and presented the Civic Award to the following recipients:

- Donna Abrahart
- Brian Hall
- Joan Eddings MBE
- Michael Chipps

The meeting adjourned at 11.16 am, and reconvened at 12.15 pm in the Council Chamber, Portsmouth Guildhall.

50. Declaration of Members' Interests

As Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner, Cllr Terry Norton declared a prejudicial interest in the appointment of a member to the Police and Crime Panel. Cllr Norton did not vote on this item.

51. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the ordinary Council held on 15 March 2022

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15 March 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

52. To receive such communications as the Lord Mayor may desire to lay before the Council, including apologies for absence

The Lord Mayor advised that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Cal Corkery.

The Lord Mayor congratulated Cllr George Madgwick and Cllr Brian Madgwick as Leader and Deputy leader of the Portsmouth Independent Party Group respectively and Cllr Cal Corkery and Cllr Charlotte Gerada as the respective Leader and Deputy Leader of the Labour Group.

With the permission of the Lord Mayor the Leader of the Council, Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson proposed a vote of thanks to the former Leader of the Labour group, Cllr George Fielding.

This was duly seconded by Cllr Simon Boshier and declared by the Lord Mayor as carried by assent.

53. Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24

The City Solicitor advised that one verbal deputation request had been made for this meeting from the Rt Hon. Penny Mordaunt MP in respect of minute 22, 'Motion for the Ocean and Coastal Communities'.

The Rt Hon. Penny Mordaunt MP delivered her deputation to Council.

54. Leader

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.

55. Cabinet - 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 Leader of the Council was empowered to determine the number of councillors on the Cabinet, their associated portfolios and to select one of the appointed cabinet 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).

The Leader also announced the membership of the Health & Wellbeing Board, which was himself, Cllr Suzy Horton, Cllr Matthew Winnington and Cllr Simon Boshier, or his nomination from the Conservative Group.

RESOLVED that Council noted:

- (i) the 10 portfolios (including the Leader) for the ensuing municipal year as set out in Appendix 1 attached to these minutes; and**
- (ii) the membership of the Health & Wellbeing Board for the ensuing municipal year.**

56. 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 Simon Boshier

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.

Table 1 - Proportionality Chart (May 2022)

	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>Groups</i>	<i>No of Cllrs</i>	<i>Total No of Cttee Seats</i>	<i>Licensing Committee (15 Members)</i>	<i>Planning Committee (10 Members)</i>	<i>7 committees and panels (see note) (6 Members each)</i>	<i>Scrutiny Management Panel (9 Members)</i>
<i>Liberal Democrats</i>	17	31	6	4	17	4
<i>Conservative</i>	13	24	5	3	13	3
<i>Labour</i>	9	16	3	2	9	2
<i>Portsmouth Independents Party</i>	3	5	1	1	3	0
	42	76	15	10	42	9

RESOLVED that:

- (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; and**
- (2) any other bodies subject to the political proportionality rules be appointed in accordance with the proportions shown in Table 1**

Whilst the nominations to committee places were not contested, the positions for Chair were for a number of the Bodies, and in the case of the Employment Committee, also the Vice-Chair

Council voted on the appointments to each of these Chair and Vice-Chair positions individually.

Licensing Committee Chair

In accordance with Standing Order 48(b), eight Councillors stood to request that a recorded vote be taken.

Two nominations for the role of Chair had been put forward. One nomination was for Councillor Scott Payter-Harris and the other was for Councillor George Madgwick.

The following members voted in favour of Councillor Payter-Harris

Councillor Yinka Adeniran	Councillor Matthew Atkins
Councillor Simon Boshier	Councillor Ryan Brent
Councillor Tom Coles	Councillor George Fielding
Councillor Charlotte Gerada	Councillor Lewis Gosling
Councillor Graham Heaney	Councillor Lee Mason
Councillor Kirsty Mellor	Councillor Gemma New
Councillor Robert New	Councillor Terry Norton
Councillor Scott Payter-Harris	Councillor Asgah Shah
Councillor John Smith	Councillor Judith Smyth
Councillor Lynda Symes	Councillor Benedict Swann
Councillor Daniel Wemyss	

The following members voted in favour of Councillor George Madgwick

Councillor Dave Ashmore	Councillor Chris Attwell
Councillor Kimberly Barrett	Councillor Stuart Brown
Councillor Jason Fazackarley	Councillor Ian Holder
Councillor Suzy Horton	Councillor Lee Hunt
Councillor Mark Jeffery	Councillor Abdul Kadir
Councillor Leo Madden	Councillor Brian Madgwick
Councillor George Madgwick	Councillor Steve Pitt
Councillor Darren Sanders	Councillor Russell Simpson
Councillor Lynne Stagg	Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Councillor Matthew Winnington	

The Lord Mayor abstained from voting

The nomination for Councillor Scott Payter-Harris was therefore declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED that Councillor Scott Payter-Harris be appointed as Chair of the Licensing Committee.

Licensing Committee Vice-Chair

Councillor Russell Simpson nominated Councillor George Madgwick as Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Committee.

This nomination was duly seconded by Councillor Scott Payter-Harris. There were no other nominations

In accordance with Standing Order 48(b), eight Councillors stood to request that a recorded vote be taken.

The following members voted in favour

Councillor Yinka Adeniran	Councillor Dave Ashmore
Councillor Chris Attwell	Councillor Kimberly Barrett
Councillor Stuart Brown	Councillor Simon Boshier
Councillor Tom Coles	Councillor Jason Fazackarley
Councillor George Fielding	Councillor Lewis Gosling
Councillor Charlotte Gerada	Councillor Graham Heaney
Councillor Ian Holder	Councillor Suzy Horton
Councillor Lee Hunt	Councillor Mark Jeffery
Councillor Abdul Kadir	Councillor Leo Madden
Councillor Brian Madgwick	Councillor George Madgwick
Councillor Gemma New	Councillor Robert New
Councillor Terry Norton	Councillor Scott Payter-Harris
Councillor Steve Pitt	Councillor Darren Sanders
Councillor Asgah Shah	Councillor Russell Simpson
Councillor John Smith	Councillor Judith Smyth
Councillor Lynne Stagg	Councillor Lynda Symes
Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson	Councillor Matthew Winnington

No members voted against**The following members abstained from voting**

Councillor Matthew Atkins	Councillor Ryan Brent
Councillor Hugh Mason (Lord Mayor)	Councillor Lee Mason
Councillor Benedict Swann	Councillor Daniel Wemyss

The nomination was therefore declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED that Councillor George Madgwick be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Licensing Committee.

Planning Committee Chair

In accordance with Standing Order 48(b), eight Councillors stood to request that a recorded vote be taken.

Two nominations for the role of Chair had been put forward. One nomination was for Councillor Chris Attwell and the other was for Councillor Judith Smyth.

The following members voted in favour of Councillor Attwell

Councillor Dave Ashmore	Councillor Chris Attwell
Councillor Kimberly Barrett	Councillor Stuart Brown
Councillor Jason Fazackarley	Councillor Ian Holder
Councillor Suzy Horton	Councillor Lee Hunt
Councillor Mark Jeffery	Councillor Abdul Kadir
Councillor Leo Madden	Councillor George Madgwick

Councillor Steve Pitt
 Councillor Russell Simpson
 Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

Councillor Darren Sanders
 Councillor Lynne Stagg
 Councillor Matthew Winnington

The following members voted in favour of Councillor Smyth

Councillor Yinka Adeniran
 Councillor Simon Boshier
 Councillor Tom Coles
 Councillor Charlotte Gerada
 Councillor Graham Heaney
 Councillor Lee Mason
 Councillor Robert New
 Councillor Scott Payter-Harris
 Councillor John Smith
 Councillor Lynda Symes
 Councillor Daniel Wemyss

Councillor Matthew Atkins
 Councillor Ryan Brent
 Councillor George Fielding
 Councillor Lewis Gosling
 Councillor Brian Madgwick
 Councillor Gemma New
 Councillor Terry Norton
 Councillor Asgah Shah
 Councillor Judith Smyth
 Councillor Benedict Swann

The Lord Mayor abstained from voting.

*Councillor Kirsty Mellor was absent from the room during this vote.

The nomination for Councillor Smyth was therefore carried.

RESOLVED that Councillor Judith Smyth be appointed as Chair of the Planning Committee.

Planning Committee Vice-Chair

Councillor George Fielding nominated Councillor Chris Attwell as Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee.

This nomination was duly seconded by Councillor Judith Smyth. There were no other nominations.

Following a vote the nomination was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED that Councillor Chris Attwell be appointed as Vice Chair of the Planning Committee.

Governance & Audit & Standards Committee Chair

In accordance with Standing Order 48(b), eight Councillors stood to request that a recorded vote be taken.

Two nominations for the role of Chair had been put forward. One nomination was for Councillor Leo Madden and the other was for Councillor Daniel Wemyss.

The following members voted in favour of Councillor Madden

Councillor Yinka Adeniran	Councillor Dave Ashmore
Councillor Chris Attwell	Councillor Kimberly Barrett
Councillor Stuart Brown	Councillor Jason Fazackarley
Councillor Ian Holder	Councillor Suzy Horton
Councillor Lee Hunt	Councillor Mark Jeffery
Councillor Abdul Kadir	Councillor Leo Madden
Councillor Brian Madgwick	Councillor George Madgwick
Councillor Steve Pitt	Councillor Darren Sanders
Councillor Asghar Shah	Councillor Judith Smyth
Councillor Lynne Stagg	Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Councillor Matthew Winnington	

The following members voted in favour of Councillor Wemyss

Councillor Matthew Atkins	Councillor Simon Boshier
Councillor Ryan Brent	Councillor Charlotte Gerada
Councillor George Fielding	Councillor Graham Heaney
Councillor Lewis Gosling	Councillor Gemma New
Councillor Lee Mason	Councillor Terry Norton
Councillor Robert New	Councillor Russell Simpson
Councillor Scott Payter-Harris	Councillor Lynda Symes
Councillor John Smith	Councillor Daniel Wemyss
Councillor Benedict Swann	

The Lord Mayor abstained from voting.

*Councillors Tom Coles and Kirsty Mellor was absent from the room during this vote.

The nomination for Councillor Leo Madden was therefore declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED that Councillor Leo Madden be appointed as Chair of the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee.

Employment Committee Chair

In accordance with Standing Order 48(b), eight Councillors stood to request that a recorded vote be taken.

Two nominations for the role of Chair had been put forward. One nomination was for Councillor Dave Ashmore and the other was for Councillor Cal Corkery.

The following members voted in favour of Ashmore

Councillor Dave Ashmore	Councillor Chris Attwell
Councillor Kimberly Barrett	Councillor Stuart Brown
Councillor Jason Fazackarley	Councillor Ian Holder
Councillor Suzy Horton	Councillor Lee Hunt
Councillor Mark Jeffery	Councillor Abdul Kadir
Councillor Leo Madden	Councillor Brian Madgwick
Councillor George Madgwick	Councillor Steve Pitt
Councillor Darren Sanders	Councillor Russell Simpson
Councillor Lynne Stagg	Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Councillor Matthew Winnington	

The following members voted in favour of Councillor Corkery

Councillor Yinka Adeniran	Councillor Matthew Atkins
Councillor Simon Boshier	Councillor Ryan Brent
Councillor Tom Coles	Councillor George Fielding
Councillor Charlotte Gerada	Councillor Lewis Gosling
Councillor Graham Heaney	Councillor Lee Mason
Councillor Gemma New	Councillor Robert New
Councillor Terry Norton	Councillor Scott Payter-Harris
Councillor Asgah Shah	Councillor John Smith
Councillor Judith Smyth	Councillor Lynda Symes
Councillor Benedict Swann	Councillor Daniel Wemyss

The Lord Mayor abstained from voting.

*Councillor Kirsty Mellor was absent from the room during this vote.

The nomination for Councillor Cal Corkery was therefore carried

RESOLVED that Councillor Cal Corkery be appointed as Chair of the Employment Committee.

Employment Committee Vice-Chair

In accordance with Standing Order 48(b), eight Councillors stood to request that a recorded vote be taken.

Two nominations for the role of Vice-Chair had been put forward. One nomination was for Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson and the other was for Councillor Simon Boshier.

The following members voted in favour of Councillor Vernon-Jackson

Councillor Dave Ashmore	Councillor Chris Attwell
Councillor Kimberly Barrett	Councillor Stuart Brown
Councillor Jason Fazackarley	Councillor Ian Holder
Councillor Suzy Horton	Councillor Lee Hunt
Councillor Mark Jeffery	Councillor Abdul Kadir
Councillor Leo Madden	Councillor Brian Madgwick
Councillor George Madgwick	Councillor Steve Pitt
Councillor Darren Sanders	Councillor Russell Simpson
Councillor Lynne Stagg	Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Councillor Matthew Winnington	

The following members voted in favour of Councillor Boshier

Councillor Yinka Adeniran	Councillor Matthew Atkins
Councillor Simon Boshier	Councillor Ryan Brent
Councillor Tom Coles	Councillor George Fielding
Councillor Charlotte Gerada	Councillor Lewis Gosling
Councillor Graham Heaney	Councillor Lee Mason
Councillor Kirsty Mellor	Councillor Gemma New
Councillor Robert New	Councillor Terry Norton
Councillor Scott Payter-Harris	Councillor Asgah Shah
Councillor John Smith	Councillor Judith Smyth
Councillor Lynda Symes	Councillor Benedict Swann
Councillor Daniel Wemyss	

The Lord Mayor abstained from voting.

The nomination for Councillor Boshier was therefore carried.

RESOLVED that Councillor Simon Boshier be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Employment Committee.

Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel Chair

In accordance with Standing Order 48(b), eight Councillors stood to request that a recorded vote be taken.

Two nominations for the role of Chair had been put forward. One nomination was for Councillor George Fielding and the other was for Councillor George Madgwick.

The following members voted in favour of Councillor Fielding

Councillor Yinka Adeniran	Councillor Matthew Atkins
Councillor Simon Boshier	Councillor Ryan Brent
Councillor Tom Coles	Councillor George Fielding
Councillor Charlotte Gerada	Councillor Lewis Gosling
Councillor Graham Heaney	Councillor Lee Mason
Councillor Kirsty Mellor	Councillor Gemma New
Councillor Robert New	Councillor Terry Norton
Councillor Scott Payter-Harris	Councillor Asgah Shah
Councillor John Smith	Councillor Judith Smyth
Councillor Lynda Symes	Councillor Benedict Swann
Councillor Daniel Wemyss	

The following members voted in favour of Councillor George Madgwick.

Councillor Dave Ashmore	Councillor Chris Attwell
Councillor Kimberly Barrett	Councillor Stuart Brown
Councillor Jason Fazackarley	Councillor Ian Holder
Councillor Suzy Horton	Councillor Lee Hunt
Councillor Mark Jeffery	Councillor Abdul Kadir
Councillor Leo Madden	Councillor Brian Madgwick
Councillor George Madgwick	Councillor Steve Pitt
Councillor Darren Sanders	Councillor Russell Simpson
Councillor Lynne Stagg	Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Councillor Matthew Winnington	

The Lord Mayor abstained from voting.

The nomination for Councillor George Fielding was therefore declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED that Councillor George Fielding be appointed as Chair of the Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel.

Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel Chair

In accordance with Standing Order 48(b), eight Councillors stood to request that a recorded vote be taken.

Two nominations for the role of Chair had been put forward. One nomination was for Councillor Gemma New and the other was for Councillor Russell Simpson.

The following members voted in favour of Councillor Gemma New

Councillor Yinka Adeniran	Councillor Matthew Atkins
Councillor Simon Boshier	Councillor Ryan Brent
Councillor Tom Coles	Councillor George Fielding
Councillor Charlotte Gerada	Councillor Lewis Gosling
Councillor Graham Heaney	Councillor Lee Mason
Councillor Kirsty Mellor	Councillor Gemma New
Councillor Robert New	Councillor Terry Norton
Councillor Scott Payter-Harris	Councillor Asgah Shah
Councillor John Smith	Councillor Judith Smyth
Councillor Lynda Symes	Councillor Benedict Swann
Councillor Daniel Wemyss	

The following members voted-in favour of Councillor Simpson.

Councillor Dave Ashmore	Councillor Chris Attwell
Councillor Kimberly Barrett	Councillor Stuart Brown
Councillor Jason Fazackarley	Councillor Ian Holder
Councillor Suzy Horton	Councillor Lee Hunt
Councillor Mark Jeffery	Councillor Abdul Kadir
Councillor Leo Madden	Councillor Brian Madgwick
Councillor George Madgwick	Councillor Steve Pitt
Councillor Darren Sanders	Councillor Russell Simpson
Councillor Lynne Stagg	Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Councillor Matthew Winnington	

The Lord Mayor abstained from voting.

The nomination for Councillor Gemma New was therefore declared
CARRIED.

RESOLVED that Councillor Gemma New be appointed as Chair of the Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel.

Council voted on the committee seats as proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson and Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier, incorporating the Chair and Vice-Chair positions as already voted on.

This was carried unanimously.

(3) the membership of the following committees and panels be appointed as shown, together with the standing deputies and Chair/Vice-Chair positions.

Licensing Committee

Group	Position 2022-23	Appointed for 2022-23
1. Liberal Democrat		Dave Ashmore
2. Liberal Democrat		Kimberly Barrett
3. Liberal Democrat		Stuart Brown
4. Liberal Democrat		Jason Fazackarley
5. Liberal Democrat		Ian Holder
6. Liberal Democrat		Leo Madden
7. Conservative	Chair	Scott Payter-Harris
8. Conservative		Benedict Swann
9. Conservative		Daniel Wemyss
10. Conservative		Linda Symes
11. Conservative		Lewis Gosling
12. Labour		Yinka Adeniran
13. Labour		Tom Coles
14. Labour		Asghar Shah
15. PIP	Vice-Chair	George Madgwick
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Lee Hunt
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Abdul Kadir
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Steve Pitt
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Matthew Atkins
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	John Smith
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Gemma New
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	George Fielding
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Charlotte Gerada

Planning Committee

Group	Position for 2022-23	Appointed for 2022-23
1. Liberal Democrat	Vice-Chair	Chris Attwell
2. Liberal Democrat		Hugh Mason
3. Liberal Democrat		Darren Sanders
4. Liberal Democrat		Gerald Vernon-Jackson
5. Conservative		John Smith
6. Conservative		Robert New
7. Conservative		Linda Symes
8. Labour		George Fielding
9. Labour	Chair	Judith Smyth
10. PIP		Russell Simpson
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Dave Ashmore
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Mark Jeffery
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Abdul Kadir
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Steve Pitt
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Lynne Stagg
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Lewis Gosling
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Scott Payter-Harris
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Dan Wemyss
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cal Corkery
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Asghah Shah
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	George Madgwick

Scrutiny Management Panel

Group	Position for 2022-23	Appointed for 2022-23
1. Liberal Democrat		Dave Ashmore
2. Liberal Democrat		Chris Attwell
3. Liberal Democrat		Stuart Brown
4. Liberal Democrat		Leo Madden
5. Conservative	Chair	Matthew Atkins

6. Conservative		Scott Payter-Harris
7. Conservative		Gemma New
8. Labour		Cal Corkery
9. Labour	Vice-Chair	Graham Heaney
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ian Holder
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Abdul Kadir
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Daniel Wemyss
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Simon Boshier
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Linda Symes
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	George Fielding
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Judith Smyth

Governance & Audit & Standards Committee

Group	Position for 2022-23	Appointed for 2022-23
1. Liberal Democrat		Dave Ashmore
2. Liberal Democrat		Stuart Brown
3. Liberal Democrat	Chair	Leo Madden
4. Conservative		Daniel Wemyss
5. Conservative		Benedict Swann
6. Labour		Judith Smyth
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Chris Attwell
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ian Holder
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Abdul Kair
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Simon Boshier
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	John Smith
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Scott Payter-Harris
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Graham Heaney

Employment Committee

Group	Position for 2022-23	Appointed for 2022-23
1. Liberal Democrat		Dave Ashmore
2. Liberal Democrat		Darren Sanders
3. Liberal Democrat		Gerald Vernon-Jackson
4. Conservative	Vice Chair	Simon Boshier
5. Conservative		Matthew Atkins
6. Labour	Chair	Cal Corkery
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Stuart Brown
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Suzy Horton
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Mark Jeffery
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ryan Brent
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Scott Payter-Harris
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Terry Norton
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Asghar Shah

Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel

Group	Position for 2022-23	Nomination for 2022-23
1. Liberal Democrat		Chris Attwell
2. Liberal Democrat	Chair	Ian Holder
3. Liberal Democrat		Abdul Kadir
4. Conservative		Matthew Atkins
5. Labour		Graham Heaney
6. PIP		Brian Madgwick
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Dave Ashmore
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Stuart Brown
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Leo Madden
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Lee Mason
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ryan Brent
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Yinka Adeniran

Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel

Group	Position for 2022-23	Appointed for 2022-23
1. Liberal Democrat		Stuart Brown
2. Liberal Democrat		Abdul Kadir
3. Conservative		Gemma New
4. Conservative		Lee Mason
5. Labour	Chair	George Fielding
6. PIP		George Madgwick
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Chris Attwell
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ian Holder
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Leo Madden
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Robert New
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Benedict Swann
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Tom Coles

Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel

Group	Position for 2022-23	Appointed for 2022-23
1. Liberal Democrat		Leo Madden
2. Liberal Democrat		Dave Ashmore
3. Conservative	Chair	Ryan Brent
4. Conservative		John Smith
5. Labour		Judith Smyth
6. Labour		Tom Coles
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Chris Attwell
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	David Ashmore
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Abdul Kadir
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Scott Payter-Harris
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Matthew Atkins
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Charlotte Gerada

Housing and Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Group	Position for 2022-23	Appointed for 2022-23
1. Liberal Democrat		Stuart Brown
2. Liberal Democrat		Leo Madden
3. Conservative		Linda Symes
4. Conservative		Scott Payter-Harris
5. Labour	Chair	Kirsty Mellor
6. Labour		Graham Heaney
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Dave Ashmore
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ian Holder
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Abdul Kadir
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Lewis Gosling
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Gemma New
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	<i>Judith Smyth</i>

Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel

Group	Position for 2022-23	Appointed for 2022-23
1. Liberal Democrat		Dave Ashmore
2. Liberal Democrat		Chris Attwell
3. Conservative	Chair	Gemma New
4. Conservative		Simon Boshier
5. Labour		Charlotte Gerada
6. PIP		Russell Simpson
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Stuart Brown
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ian Holder
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Abdul Kadir
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ryan Brent
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Benedict Swann
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Graham Heaney
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	George Fielding

(4) the following appointments be made for 2022/23 municipal year:

Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority (1 member)

In accordance with Standing Order 48(b), eight Councillors stood to request that a recorded vote be taken.

Two nominations for this position had been put forward. One nomination was for Councillor Stuart Brown and the other was for Councillor Cal Corkery.

The following members voted in favour of Councillor Brown

Councillor Dave Ashmore	Councillor Chris Attwell
Councillor Kimberly Barrett	Councillor Stuart Brown
Councillor Jason Fazackarley	Councillor Ian Holder
Councillor Suzy Horton	Councillor Lee Hunt
Councillor Mark Jeffery	Councillor Abdul Kadir
Councillor Leo Madden	Councillor Brian Madgwick
Councillor George Madgwick	Councillor Steve Pitt
Councillor Darren Sanders	Councillor Russell Simpson
Councillor Lynne Stagg	Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Councillor Matthew Winnington	

The following members voted in favour of Councillor Corkery

Councillor Yinka Adeniran	Councillor Matthew Atkins
Councillor Simon Boshier	Councillor Ryan Brent
Councillor Tom Coles	Councillor George Fielding
Councillor Charlotte Gerada	Councillor Lewis Gosling
Councillor Graham Heaney	Councillor Lee Mason
Councillor Kirsty Mellor	Councillor Gemma New
Councillor Robert New	Councillor Terry Norton
Councillor Scott Payter-Harris	Councillor Asgah Shah
Councillor John Smith	Councillor Judith Smyth
Councillor Lynda Symes	Councillor Benedict Swann
Councillor Daniel Wemyss	

The Lord Mayor abstained from voting.

The nomination for Councillor Corkery was therefore carried.

RESOLVED that Councillor Cal Corkery be appointed as the Council's representative on the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority.

Police and Crime Panel (1 Member)

Councillor Jason Fazackarley (with Cllr K. Mellor as Deputy)

Local Government Association General Assembly (4 Members)

1. Councillor Lee Mason
2. Councillor Cal Corkery
3. Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
4. Councillor Suzy Horton

Langstone Harbour Board (6 Members)

1. Councillor Graham Heaney
2. Councillor Lee Mason
3. Councillor Darren Sanders
4. Councillor Lewis Gosling
5. Councillor Charlotte Gerada
6. Councillor Kimberly Barrett

Standing deputies: Councillors Hugh Mason, Matthew Winnington, Steve Pitt, Ryan Brent and Judith Smyth.

Twinning Advisory Group (7 Members)

To be chaired by the Communities and Central Services Portfolio holder, with the Lord Mayor performing the deputy Chair role.

1. Councillor Mark Jeffery (Chair, Communities and Central Services Portfolio Holder)
2. Councillor Hugh Mason (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

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

There were no items of urgent business considered at this meeting.

58. Motion for the ocean and our coastal communities

It was proposed by

Councillor Robert New

Seconded by Councillor Daniel Wemyss

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

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Graham Heaney

Seconded by Councillor Judith Smyth

After v. add a new paragraph vi:

“Placing a duty on water companies engaged in sewage disposal to ensure untreated sewage is not discharged from storm overflows into inland and coastal waters and to provide targets and timelines to ensure this change is achieved.”

Following debate, the proposer of the original motion, Councillor Robert New agreed to subsume the amendment put by Councillor Graham Heaney into the motion.

Upon being put to a vote the notice of motion was declared **CARRIED**.

It was therefore RESOLVED that Portsmouth City Council acknowledged that the health of our ocean is inextricably linked with our climate and with human health, wellbeing and prosperity. A healthy ocean is fundamental in regulating the global climate system and is an essential ally in our fight against climate change. The ocean absorbs more than 90% of the excess heat in the climate system as well as absorbing around 20% of annual carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions generated by human activity.

However, decades of irresponsible marine exploitation and pollution have led to significant levels of degradation, and this together with the detrimental impacts of our changing climate on marine ecosystems has led to national and global recognition that the world ocean is in crisis. An unhealthy ocean does not absorb or store carbon as effectively as a healthy one, further worsening the impacts of the climate crisis.

The UK government’s recent Marine Strategy assessment confirms that our marine environment is not healthy. An ocean in crisis is not only bad news for our climate, but also for our local fishing and tourism industries and for the health, wellbeing and prosperity of our coastal communities.

In Portsmouth like the rest of planet, we are witnessing the ocean crisis first-hand. Fish stocks continue to collapse from permitted and illegal overfishing and poor water quality is impacting seafood and safe bathing. Our beaches are covered in litter with each tide, much of it plastic, though this is just the tip of the iceberg of the amount of litter in our oceans. Marine microplastics have been found in all marine environments and in the bodies of many species, including humans and the species of fish we regularly eat.

Our residents are on the frontline of climate change and are being disproportionately impacted relative to inland communities. The impact of the climate crisis on the ocean is profound, from rising water temperatures and changes in ocean chemistry, to sea level rise and increased storminess, including in our local waters. This is changing what seafood is caught locally, accelerating the erosion of our coastline

- increasing the risk to infrastructure and properties, and increasing the risk of flooding and storm damage.

Urgent action is needed to halt these devastating changes and recover the health of our ocean to enable it to deliver the full range of benefits, including climate regulation, carbon storage in coastal and marine habitats, coastal protection, a thriving local economy, clean safe recreation and happy, healthy coastal communities. We must play our part in recovering the health of the ocean.

In Portsmouth, the ocean is at the heart of our heritage and economy. From the maritime and marine expertise around the Portsmouth Port, to the millions of visitors who come to the Portsmouth area to experience the sight, sound and feel of the ocean. The ocean can play a vital role in our economic recovery and we must strive to develop a sustainable and equitable blue economy that delivers both ocean recovery and local prosperity. We must ensure that ocean recovery is embedded in our relevant strategic decision-making, policymaking and budget-setting; as well as being considered in future strategies and plans, including those seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of our residents.

At present, not everyone has the opportunity or means to access and enjoy the ocean. Even within Portsmouth there are people of all ages who have never experienced the joy of our ocean. First-hand experience of the ocean is essential if people are to be motivated to play their part in protecting it, whether that is through disposing of their litter responsibly, recycling what they can or volunteering in ocean conservation with local organisations. Helping individuals develop their ocean literacy (understanding of the relationship between people and the ocean) is an essential part of this motion, as is individual and collective marine citizenship (promoting and demanding an ocean recovery through local, national and international policy changes).

Local authorities cannot solve the ocean crisis alone, but we can – and must – play our part.

This Council declares an urgent need for Ocean Recovery.

We recognise that we need ocean recovery to meet our net zero carbon targets, and we need net zero carbon to recover our ocean.

This Council pledges, through requesting Cabinet to:

- 1. Report to Full Council within 6 months on the actions and projects that will begin an ocean recovery in Portsmouth.**
- 2. Consider ocean recovery in all strategic decisions, plans, budgets and approaches to decisions by the Council (particularly in planning, regeneration, skills and economic policy), aligning with climate change mitigation and adaptation requirements, and considering ocean-based solutions in our journey towards a carbon-neutral and climate-resilient future.**

- 3. Promote closer working between the Portsmouth City Council and the Marine Organisation and embed strong links between the Local Plan and the Portsmouth City Council Marine Plan to support ocean recovery.**
- 4. Ensure that the Local Nature Recovery Strategy strives to support ocean recovery.**
- 5. Work with partners locally and nationally to deliver increased sustainability in marine industries and develop a sustainable and equitable blue economy that delivers ocean recovery and local prosperity.**
- 6. Grow ocean literacy and marine citizenship in Portsmouth, including ensuring all pupils are given the opportunity to experience the ocean first-hand before leaving primary school - striving to include home-schooled children - and promote equitable access to the ocean through physical and digital experiences for all residents.**
- 7. Work with Highbury and Portsmouth Colleges to continue to embed marine, maritime and blue carbon training at the heart of training provision as well as with technical / apprenticeship training providers where appropriate.**
- 8. Create an online portal of the Council website to update on ocean recovery progress, signpost to ocean literacy development opportunities, and marine citizenship pledges.**
- 9. Write to the Government asking them to put the ocean into net recovery by 2030 by**
 - a) Ensuring Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities and Natural England have the resources they need to effectively research and monitor our growing number of marine protected areas, and to set and enforce appropriate fishing levels that support local economies and deliver environmental sustainability.**
 - b) Ensuring coastal communities have a meaningful say in the development of marine policy to ensure it delivers equitable and sustainable outcomes.**
 - c) Appoint a dedicated Minister for Coastal Communities.**
 - d) And by listening to marine scientific advice, including marine social science, to update the Marine Policy Statement and produce a national Ocean Recovery Strategy which will:**

- i. **Enable the recovery of marine ecosystems rather than managing degraded or altered habitats in their reduced state.**
 - ii. **Consider levelling up, marine conservation, energy, industrial growth, flood and coastal erosion risk management, climate adaptation and fisheries policy holistically rather than as competing interests.**
 - iii. **Develop a smarter approach to managing the health of the entire ocean that moves beyond Marine Protected Areas and enables links to be made across sectors towards sustainability.**
 - iv. **Establish improved processes for understanding the benefits of ocean recovery, leaving no doubt the links between this and human lives, livelihoods, and wellbeing.**
 - v. **Stop plastic pollution at source by strengthening the regulations around single-use plastics and set standards for microfibre-catching filters to ensure that all new domestic and commercial washing machines are fitted with a filter that captures a high percentage of microfibres produced in the wash cycle.**
 - vi. **Placing a duty on water companies engaged in sewage disposal to ensure untreated sewage is not discharged from storm overflows into inland and coastal waters and to provide targets and timelines to ensure this change is achieved.**
- 59. To approve the following dates for meetings of the Council during the 2022/23 municipal year to commence at 2pm unless otherwise indicated**

It was Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier

That the dates and times for the Council meetings for the next municipal year (2022/23 as set out in agenda item 17, be approved and that the provisional dates for 2023/24 Council meetings also set out in agenda item 17, be agreed in principle, subject to later ratification.

Upon being put to the vote this was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED that:

(1) the meetings of the Council be held on the following dates in the 2022/23 municipal year to commence at 2.00 pm unless otherwise indicated:

19 July 2022	11 October 2022
8 November 2022	6 December 2022
17 January 2023 (provisional)	14 February 2023
14 March 2023	16 May 2023 (Annual) (10am)

(2) the following provisional council meeting dates for 2023/24 be agreed in principle subject to later ratification:

18 July 2023	17 October 2023
14 November 2023	12 December 2023
16 January 2024 (provisional)	13 February 2024
19 March 2024	14 May 2024 (Annual) (10am)

The meeting concluded at 1.54 pm.

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Lord Mayor

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APPENDIX 1

Cabinet & Opposition Spokespersons for 2022/23

Portfolio	Cabinet Member (Councillor)	Opposition Group Spokespersons (Councillor)
The Leader	Gerald Vernon-Jackson (Leader) (Liberal Democrat)	Simon Boshier (Conservative) Cal Corkery (Labour) George Madgwick (PIP)
Children, Families & Education	Suzy Horton (Deputy Leader) (Liberal Democrat)	Terry Norton (Conservative) Tom Coles (Labour) TBC (PIP)
Climate Change and Environment	Kimberly Barrett (Liberal Democrat)	Robert New (Conservative) Charlotte Gerada (Labour) Russell Simpson (PIP)
Culture, Leisure and Economic Development	Steve Pitt (Liberal Democrat)	Lynda Symes (Conservative) George Fielding (Labour) Russell Simpson (PIP)
Safety in the Community	Jason Fazackarley (Liberal Democrat)	John Smith (Conservative) Kirsty Mellor (Labour) George Madgwick (PIP)
Health, Wellbeing & Social Care	Matthew Winnington (Liberal Democrat)	Lewis Gosling (Conservative) Yinka Adeniran (Labour) Brian Madgwick (PIP)
Housing and Preventing Homelessness	Darren Sanders (Liberal Democrat)	Dan Wemyss (Conservative) Cal Corkery (Labour) George Madgwick (PIP)
Planning Policy & City Development	Lee Hunt (Liberal Democrat)	Ryan Brent (Conservative) Judith Smyth (Labour) TBC (PIP)
Communities and Central Services	Mark Jeffery (Liberal Democrat)	Lee Mason (Conservative) Asghar Shah (Labour) George Madgwick (PIP)
Traffic and Transportation	Lynne Stagg (Liberal Democrat)	Scott Payter-Harris (Conservative) Graham Heaney (Labour) TBC (PIP)

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