

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Guildhall  
Portsmouth on Tuesday, 14 May 2024 at 10.00 am

## **Council Members Present**

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor  
Councillor Tom Coles (in the Chair)

### Councillors

Richard Adair	Suzy Horton
Yinka Adeniran	Lee Hunt
Dave Ashmore	Mark Jeffery
Chris Attwell	Abdul Kadir
Kimberly Barrett	Brian Madgwick
Simon Boshier	George Madgwick
Hannah Brent	Derek North
Stuart Brown	Hugh Mason
Peter Candlish	Leonie Oliver
Matthew Cordy	Steve Pitt
Cal Corkery	Darren Sanders
Raymond Dent	Asghar Shah
Chris Dike	Russell Simpson
Nicholas Dorrington	Judith Smyth
Jason Fazackarley	Emily Strudwick
George Fielding	Benedict Swann
Spencer Gardner	Lee Tindall
Charlotte Gerada	Mary Vallely
Rajah Ghosh	Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Graham Heaney	Matthew Winnington
Ian Holder	

#### **40. Introduction of new councillors**

The councillors newly elected to Portsmouth City Council were introduced in turn by their respective group leaders and in the case of the Portsmouth Independents Party, the deputy group leader.

#### **41. Retiring Lord Mayor's Speech**

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Tom Coles, reported on his year in office.

#### **42. Retiring Lady Mayoress' Speech**

The Lady Mayoress, Mrs Nikki Coles, reported on her year in office.

#### **43. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Suzy Horton  
Seconded by Councillor Yinka Adeniran

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 Tom Coles and Mrs Nikki Coles for their outstanding service to the city as Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress during their year of office.**

**That the Council expresses its deep appreciation of the fine qualities which Councillor Tom Coles 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 Nikki Coles 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 Tom Coles and Mrs Nikki Coles at this ceremony.**

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

#### **44. To elect the Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year**

Councillor Darren Sanders nominated Councillor Jason Fazackarley for election to the office of Lord Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

The nomination was seconded by Councillor Steve Pitt.

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

Councillor Jason Fazackarley then left the room with the retiring Lord Mayor to don the Lord Mayor's robes and chain of office.

#### **45. Investiture of the new Lady Mayoress**

Helen Mitchell, the new Lady Mayoress, signed a document of office witnessed by the City Solicitor.

#### **46. New Lord Mayor takes the Chair**

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

**47. Presentation of the Keys of the City**

In accordance with the wishes of His Majesty the King, the Lord Mayor received the Keys of the Fortress of Portsmouth into the safe keeping of the city.

These were presented to him by The Defence Driving School.

**48. Presentation of the Portsmouth Sword**

The Lord Mayor received the Portsmouth Sword, which symbolised the interdependence of the Royal Navy and the City of Portsmouth. The sword was presented to him by the Royal Navy.

**49. 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 appeal for the coming year which was Abby's Heroes and the Lady Mayoress' charitable appeal which was Pompey in the Community.

**50. To appoint the Deputy Lord Mayor and Deputy Consort/Lady Mayoress' for the ensuing Municipal Year**

Councillor Kimberly Barrett nominated Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE as the Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

This nomination was seconded by Councillor Chris Attwell.

There being no other nominations, the Lord Mayor put the proposal, which was CARRIED, and declared that Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE be duly elected as the Deputy Lord Mayor. Councillor Vernon-Jackson made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by the City Solicitor.

The Chief Executive announced that Councillor Vernon-Jackson would be supported by his husband, John Jarvis as Deputy Consort. However, due to John's ongoing health issues, he would be supported in this role by Admiral Sir David Steel KBE as a further Deputy Consort. Helena Cole and Dianna Carruthers would be Deputy Lady Mayoresses.

Mrs Helena Cole 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.

**51. Appointment of Chaplains to the City Council**

The Reverend Canon James McAuley was appointed as Chaplain to the City Council.

**52. Presentation of Civic Awards**

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

- Headway Portsmouth and South East Hampshire
- Portsmouth Fairtrade Forum
- Paul Banks
- Layak Muhit
- Liz Jones
- Roni Edward (Pamodzi Creatives)
- Freya Scobie (Youth Award)

**53. Presentation of the Freedom of the City of Portsmouth**

Following the granting of the Freedom of the City on Honorary Alderman Frank Jonas BEM at a special meeting of the Council held on 19 March 2024, Honorary Alderman Frank Jonas BEM was formally presented with the resolution and conferred the Freedom of the City.

The Mayor Making concluded and the Council meeting adjourned at 11:32am

The Council meeting reconvened in the Council Chamber at 12:37pm.

Councillor George Madgwick and Councillor Emily Strudwick joined the meeting.

**54. Declaration of Members' Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**55. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the extraordinary and ordinary Council meetings held on 19 March 2024**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Steve Pitt  
Seconded by Councillor George Madgwick

That the minutes of the extraordinary Council meeting held on 19 March 2024 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

These were agreed by assent.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Steve Pitt  
Seconded by Councillor George Madgwick

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held on 19 March 2024 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

These were agreed by assent.

**56. Apologies for Absence**

The Lord Mayor advised that he was not aware of any apologies for absence.

**57. To receive such communications as the Lord Mayor may desire to lay before the Council**

The Lord Mayor welcomed newly elected Councillors Richard Adair, Matthew Cordy, Nicholas Dorrington, Spencer Gardner, Rajah Ghosh, Derek North and Lee Tindal to the council and this, their first council meeting.

The Lord Mayor also welcomed Councillors Kimberly Barrett, Stuart Brown, Charlotte Gerada, Ian Holder, George Madgwick, Hugh Mason and Darren Sanders who had all been elected for another term.

**58. Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24.**

No deputation requests had been received under the provisions of this standing order.

**59. Leader**

Under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Council NOTED that the current Leader of the City Council, Councillor Steve Pitt, would remain in office until May 2026, subject to the conditions set out in the agenda.

**60. Cabinet - In accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, to formally 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 Matthew Winnington, Cllr Suzy Horton and Cllr George Madgwick or his nomination from the Portsmouth Independent Party Group.

**RESOLVED that Council noted:**

- (i) the ten 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.**

## 61. Proportional Representation on Panels and Committees

The Lord Mayor proposed and the Council agreed to take agenda items 10, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 15 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 Steve Pitt  
Seconded by Councillor George Madgwick

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 2024)**

	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Groups</b>	<b>No of Cllrs</b>	<b>Total No of Cttee Seats</b>	<b>Licensing Committee (15 Members)</b>	<b>Planning Committee (10 Members)</b>	<b>7 committees and panels (see note) (6 Members each)</b>	<b>Scrutiny Management Panel (9 Members)</b>
<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	19	34	6	5	19	4
<b>Conservative</b>	4	7	1	1	4	1
<b>Labour</b>	8	15	3	2	8	2

Portsmouth Independents Party	9	16	3	2	9	2
Non-aligned Labour member	1	2	1	0	1	0
Non-aligned independent member	1	2	1	0	1	0
	<b>42</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>9</b>

**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;**

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

**(3) the allocation of seats schedule and the appointment of members to committees and panels;**

**(4) the appointment of standing deputies to committees and panels**

**(5) the appointment Chairs and Vice-Chairs of committees and the Scrutiny Management Panel and Scrutiny Panels;**

**(6) Appointments; and**

**(7) Other Appointments**

**for the 2024/25 municipal year as detailed below be AGREED.**

<b>Licensing Committee</b>		
<b>Group</b>	<b>Position 2024-25</b>	<b>Appointments</b>
1. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Richard Adair
2. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Lee Hunt
3. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Abdul Kadir
4. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Hugh Mason
5. Liberal Democrat	Vice Chair	Cllr Ian Holder
6. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Dave Ashmore
7. PIP		Cllr Chris Dike
8. PIP		Cllr George Madgwick
9. PIP	Chair	Cllr Emily Strudwick
10. Labour		Cllr Yinka Adeniran
11. Labour		Cllr Tom Coles
12. Labour		Cllr Rajah Ghosh
13. Conservative		Cllr Benedict Swann
14. Non-aligned Independent member (gifted to Liberal Democrat)		Cllr Stuart Brown
15. Independent Labour Member (gifted to PIP Group)		Cllr Raymond Dent
<i>Liberal Democrat X 3</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson Cllr Steve Pitt
<i>PIP x 3</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Derek North Cllr Russell Simpson Cllr Lee Tindal
<i>Labour X 3</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr George Fielding Cllr Charlotte Gerada Cllr Mary Vallely
<i>Conservative X 3</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Hannah Brent Cllr Simon Bosher Cllr Spencer Gardner



<b>Planning Committee</b>		
<b>Group</b>	<b>Position for 2024-25</b>	<b>Appointments</b>
1. Liberal Democrat	Chair	Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson
2. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Peter Candlish
3. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Chris Attwell
4. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Hugh Mason
5. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Nick Dorrington
6. PIP		Cllr Matthew Cordy
7. PIP (gifted to Ind. Labour Member)	Vice-Chair	Cllr Judith Smyth
8. Labour		Cllr Asghar Shah
9. Labour		Cllr Mary Vallely
10. Conservative (gifted to PIP)		Cllr Derek North
<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>	Mark Jeffrey
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Steve Pitt
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Suzy Horton
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr George Fielding
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Rajah Ghosh
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Raymond Dent
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr George Madgwick
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Russell Simpson

<b>Scrutiny Management Panel</b>		
<b>Group</b>	<b>Position for 2024-25</b>	<b>Appointments</b>
1. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Nick Dorrington
2. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Abdul Kadir
3. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Ian Holder
4. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson
5. PIP		Cllr Raymond Dent
6. PIP (gifted to Conservative)		Cllr Hannah Brent
7. Labour		Cllr Graham Heaney
8. Labour	Chair	Cllr Mary Vallely
9. Conservative	Vice-Chair	Cllr Simon Boshier
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Mark Jeffrey
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Stuart Brown
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Richard Adair
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Benedict Swann
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Spencer Gardner
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr George Fielding
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Charlotte Gerada
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr George Madgwick

<b>Governance &amp; Audit &amp; Standards Committee</b>
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<b>Group</b>	<b>Position for 2024-25</b>	<b>Appointments</b>
1. Liberal Democrat	Chair	Cllr Ian Holder
2. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Richard Adair
3. Liberal Democrat	Vice Chair	Cllr Stuart Brown
4. PIP		Cllr Russell Simpson
5. Ind Labour Member		Cllr Judith Smyth
6. Conservative		Cllr Spencer Gardner
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Abdul Kadir
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Mark Jeffrey
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Simon Boshier
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Hannah Brent
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Benedict Swann
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Graham Heaney
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr George Madgwick

<b>Employment Committee</b>		
<b>Group</b>	<b>Position for 2024-25</b>	<b>Appointments</b>
1. Liberal Democrat	Chair	Cllr Stuart Brown
2. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Dave Ashmore
3. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Darren Sanders
4. Independent Member	Vice-Chair	Cal Corkery
5. Labour		Cllr Charlotte Gerada
6. Conservative		Cllr Simon Boshier
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Abdul Kadir
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Peter Candlish
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Matthew Winnington
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Hannah Brent
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Spencer Gardner
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Benedict Swann
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Graham Heaney

<b>Health Overview &amp; Scrutiny Panel</b>
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<b>Group</b>	<b>Position for 2024-25</b>	<b>Appointments</b>
1. Liberal Democrat	Chair	Cllr Mark Jeffrey
2. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Leonie Oliver
3. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson
4. PIP		Cllr Lee Tindal
5. Labour	Vice-Chair	Cllr Graham Heaney
6. Conservative		Cllr Spencer Gardner
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Ian Holder
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Stuart Brown
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Simon Boshier
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Hannah Brent
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Benedict Swann
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr George Fielding
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr George Madgwick

<b>Economic Development, Culture &amp; Leisure Scrutiny Panel</b>
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<b>Group</b>	<b>Position for 2024-25</b>	<b>Appointments</b>
1. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Mark Jeffrey
2. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Abdul Kadir
3. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Leonie Oliver
4. PIP	Vice-Chair	Cllr Matthew Cordy
5. PIP	Chair	Cllr Russell Simpson
6. Labour		Cllr Rajah Ghosh
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Nick Dorrington
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Stuart Brown
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Gerald Vernon-Jackson
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Tom Coles
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr George Fielding
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr George Madgwick
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Lee Tindal

<b>Education, Children &amp; Young People Scrutiny Panel</b>
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<b>Group</b>	<b>Position for 2024-25</b>	<b>Appointments</b>
1. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Leonie Oliver
2. Conservative	Chair	Cllr Hannah Brent
3. PIP		Cllr Brian Madgwick
4. PIP		Cllr Lee Tindal
5. Labour	Vice-Chair	Cllr Yinka Adeniran
6. Labour		Cllr Mary Vallely
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Gerald Vernon-Jackson
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Abdul Kadir
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Ian Holder
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Rajah Ghosh
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Simon Boshier
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Spencer Gardner
<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Benedict Swann
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Derek North

<b>Housing &amp; Social Care Scrutiny Panel</b>
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<b>Group</b>	<b>Position for 2024-25</b>	<b>Appointments</b>
1. Liberal Democrat		Nick Dorrington
2. Liberal Democrat		Gerald Vernon-Jackson
3. Liberal Democrat (gifted to independent member)		Cllr Cal Corkery
4. PIP	Vice-Chair	Cllr Raymond Dent
5. PIP		Cllr Chris Dike
6. Labour	Chair	Cllr Tom Coles
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Richard Adair
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Stuart Brown
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Leonie Oliver
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Graham Heaney
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr George Madgwick
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Emily Strudwick



<b>Traffic, Environment &amp; Community Safety Scrutiny Panel</b>
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<b>Group</b>	<b>Position for 2024-25</b>	<b>Appointments</b>
1. Liberal Democrat	Vice Chair	Cllr Leonie Oliver
2. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Nick Dorrington
3. Liberal Democrat		Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson
4. PIP	Chair	Cllr Brian Madgwick
5. Labour		Cllr Charlotte Gerada
6. Labour		Cllr Asghar Shah
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Mark Jeffrey
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Richard Adair
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr Yinka Adeniran
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr George Fielding
<i>PIP</i>	<i>Standing Deputy</i>	Cllr George Madgwick

## Appointments and Other Appointments

### Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority

<b>Appointment</b>	Cllr George Madgwick
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### Police and Crime Panel

<b>Appointment</b>	Cllr Richard Adair (Deputy: Cllr Ian Holder)
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### Local Government Association General Assembly

<b>Appointments</b>	Cllr Tom Coles Cllr Suzy Horton Cllr George Madgwick Cllr Steve Pitt  <i>Cllr Darren Sanders (reserve member)</i>
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<b>Langstone Harbour Board</b>	
<b>Group</b>	<b>Appointments</b>
1. Liberal Democrat	Cllr Kimberly Barrett
2. Liberal Democrat	Cllr Peter Candlish
3. Liberal Democrat	Cllr Darren Sanders
4. PIP	Cllr Lee Tindal
5. PIP	Cllr Raymond Dent
6. Labour	Cllr Graham Heaney
<i>Liberal Democrat (Deputy)</i>	Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson
<i>PIP (Deputy)</i>	Cllr Matthew Cordy
<i>Labour (Deputy)</i>	Cllr Charlotte Gerada

**Twinning Advisory Group**

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

Current Membership: 6 Members (not required to be politically proportional)

1. (Chair, Cllr Chis Attwell, Central Services Portfolio Holder)
2. Councillor Jason Fazackarley (Vice-Chair, ex-officio Lord Mayor)
3. Councillor Yinka Adeniran
4. Councillor Tom Coles
5. Councillor Ian Holder
6. Councillor Emily Strudwick

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

The Lord Mayor advised that there was no urgent business for consideration under the provisions of this standing order.

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

The Lord Mayor advised that there were no questions from members under the provisions of this standing order.

**64. To approve the following dates for meetings of the Council during 2024/25 municipal year to commence at 2pm unless otherwise indicated**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Steve Pitt  
 Seconded by Councillor George Madgwick

That the dates and times for the Council meetings for the next municipal year (2024/25) as set out in agenda item 18, be approved and that the provisional dates for 2025/26 Council meetings also set out in agenda item 18, 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 2024/25 municipal year to commence at 2.00 pm unless otherwise indicated:**

28 May 2024 (5pm)	14 January 2025 (provisional)
16 July 2024	25 February 2025
15 October 2024	18 March 2025
12 November 2024	13 May 2025 (Annual) (10am)
10 December 2024	

**(2) the following provisional council meeting dates for 2025/26 be agreed in principle subject to later ratification:**

15 July 2025	13 January 2026 (provisional)
14 October 2025	24 February 2026
11 November 2025	17 March 2026
9 December 2025	12 May 2026 (Annual) (10am)

The meeting concluded at 12.59 pm.

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## Appendix 1 - Cabinet Positions for 2024/25

<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Opposition Group Spokesperson</b>
The Leader  (incorporating the Culture, Regeneration and Economic Development Portfolio)	Cllr Steve Pitt	Cllr George Madgwick (PIP) Cllr Charlotte Gerada (Labour) Cllr Simon Boshier (Conservative)
		Cllr George Madgwick (PIP) Cllr Mary Vallely (Labour)
Children, Families & Education	Cllr Suzy Horton	Cllr Lee Tindal (PIP) Cllr Tom Coles (Labour) Cllr Hannah Brent (Conservative)
Climate Change and Greening the City	Cllr Kimberly Barrett	Cllr Russell Simpson (PIP) Cllr Rajah Ghosh (Labour) Cllr Hannah Brent (Conservative)
Environmental Services	Cllr Dave Ashmore	Cllr Chris Dike (PIP) Cllr Asghar Shah (Labour) Cllr Benedict Swann (Conservative)
Community Safety, Leisure & Sport	Cllr Lee Hunt	Cllr Emily Strudwick (PIP) Cllr Yinka Adeniran (Labour) Cllr Hannah Brent (Conservative)
Community Wellbeing, Health & Care	Cllr Matthew Winnington	Cllr Matthew Cordy (PIP) Cllr Graham Heaney (Labour) Cllr Spencer Gardner (Conservative)
Housing and Tackling Homelessness	Cllr Darren Sanders	Cllr Raymond Dent (PIP) Cllr Charlotte Gerada (Labour) Cllr Spencer Gardner (Conservative)
Planning Policy & City Development	Cllr Hugh Mason	Cllr Raymond Dent (PIP) Cllr George Fielding (Labour) Cllr Simon Boshier (Conservative)
Central Services	Cllr Chris Attwell	Cllr Derek North (PIP) Cllr George Fielding (Labour) Cllr Benedict Swann (Conservative)
Transport	Cllr Peter Candlish	Cllr Brian Madgwick (PIP) Cllr Graham Heaney (Labour) Cllr Simon Boshier (Conservative)

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