

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
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MOTIONS PASSED IN 2012

Motion	Establishment of a Local Authority Trading Company	Date	16/05/2012
Moving Cllr	Vinson	Seconding Cllr	Turner
Text of amended motion as carried			
<p>This Council urges the Executive to bring forward at the earliest opportunity a variety of in-depth proposals for the establishment of a Local Authority Trading Company or equivalent delivery vehicle, in order to deliver adult social care services, in the first instance.</p>			
Motion	Oaklands Pool	Date	11/07/2012
Moving Cllr	Hannides	Seconding Cllr	Moulton
Text of amended motion as carried			
<p>This Council notes the proposal to start the public consultation on the potential closure of Oaklands Pool. As part of this consultation the Council will seek the views of pool users, Coxford councillors and residents in seeking a financially sustainable future for the Oaklands pool.</p>			
Motion	Code of Conduct	Date	11/07/2012
Moving Cllr	Moulton	Seconding Cllr	Smith
Text of amended motion as carried			
<p>This Council believes that all Councillors should follow the Councillors' Code of Conduct and believes that Councillors should be honest and should at all times avoid the appearance of dishonesty in their activities as a Councillor.</p> <p>In particular senior councillors such as existing and former Cabinet Members, the Leader and Council representatives on outside bodies (such as the Police Authority and the Fire and Rescue Authority) should take special care to ensure that they carry out their roles in a fit and proper manner.</p> <p>Council agrees that any allegations of serious malpractice by leading Council representatives – including misuse of Council resources or deliberate deception of the public – are referred to the Council's Governance Committee in the first instance.</p>			

Motion	Biomass Plant	Date	11/07/2012
Moving Cllr	Furnell	Seconding Cllr	Shields
Text of motion as carried			
<p>This Council is in full support of local residents concerned by the proposals for a major biomass plant in the docks and therefore urges the Executive to undertake a referendum amongst those immediately affected in the Freemantle and Millbrook wards as soon as is practicably possible in order to influence the final decision of the Secretary of State and with minimal use of scarce Council resources.</p>			
Motion	Honorary Freedom of the City	Date	12/09/2012
Moving Cllr	Burke	Seconding Cllr	White
Text of motion as carried			
<p>(i) That in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Honorary Freedom of the City be conferred on Dame Mary Fagan DCVO JP Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, in recognition of her services to the City and Hampshire; and</p> <p>(ii) That suitable scrolls and caskets be commissioned for this purpose.</p>			

Motion	Football Clubs	Date	12/09/2012
Moving Cllr	Pope	Seconding Cllr	Furnell

Text of motion as carried

This Council believes that football clubs are vital community assets, and are more than just ordinary businesses. Communities, and fans, have strong interests in clubs.

This Council urges the football authorities, all elected representatives, Government, members of the House of Lords, all political parties and community activists to campaign to promote fan and community ownership and control of football clubs at all levels.

This Council also encourages the reform of football governance rules to encourage fan and community ownership and control to achieve financially-sustainable clubs, rather than the failed so-called “benefactor model” that has led to administration or liquidation of clubs.

Supporters Direct has helped supporters to secure influence and ownership of sports clubs, but due to funding cuts in 2011, it is suffering potential funding shortfalls. This Council urges the Government, football authorities and funding bodies to urgently find sustainable models of funding for Supporters Direct.

This Council welcomes financial fair play initiatives by UEFA, the Football League and Football Conference that help sustain football clubs in the interests of the community by controlling debt and risk. This Council urges the Premier League to do the same.

This Council believes player pay is at unsustainable levels, meaning investment in clubs and communities suffers. This Council therefore urges the football authorities, at all levels of the game, to place a limit on total spending on player transfers and wages. This limit would be a sustainable percentage (e.g. 60%) of the total revenue of each club in a financial year.

Motion	Bus Transport	Date	12/09/2012
Moving Cllr	Jeffery	Seconding Cllr	Furnell

Text of motion as carried

Improving and developing bus transport in the City of Southampton is essential to reduce carbon emissions, give greater access to the City to non-car owners, and tackle inequality by curtailing social alienation. Therefore:

- Council welcomes the securing of the Better Bus Area Fund bid by the transport team, and endorses all attempts to make bus travel in Southampton as attractive as possible to customers.
- Council calls on the administration to work for a better dialogue between the Authority and bus operators, for bus operators to do more to consult with their customers, and for the movement towards more integrated bus networks.

Motion	Redevelopment of Lordshill District Centre	Date	12/09/2012
Moving Cllr	Moulton	Seconding Cllr	Smith
Text of amended motion as carried			
<p>Council calls on the Executive to establish the amount of additional capital resource that will flow from a completed Lordshill master plan.</p> <p>This Council calls on the Executive to fully consult ward councillors and residents of Lordshill and surrounding area about the future redevelopment of Lordshill District Centre.</p> <p>Council calls on the executive to ensure that the additional capital resource raised by the completion of the masterplan is spent on the priorities identified by local residents in the consultation.</p>			
Motion	Council Funding	Date	14/11/2012
Moving Cllr	Letts	Seconding Cllr	Dr Williams
Text of amended motion as carried			
<p>Council notes the impact that the Government's austerity programme has had on the City of Southampton.</p> <p>This Council notes the potential for further cuts in funding for the budget round in 2013-14.</p> <p>Council believes it is the duty of all Councillors elected by the citizens of Southampton to do the best they can to secure a fair funding deal from any government for our City.</p> <p>Council calls on all Group leaders to jointly lobby Government ministers on behalf of the City to secure the best funding deal available.</p> <p>Council calls on all elected representatives both parliamentary and local government to 'Stand up for Southampton.'</p> <p>Council also calls on the Government to recognise the adverse impact on Southampton of the closure of the Ford plant and to take this into account in determining future grant allocations to the City.</p> <p>The Council agreed to suspend Council Procedure Rules 14.2, 14.5, 14.6, 14.7, 14.8, 14.9 and 16.2:-</p> <p>(i) to enable the above items to be considered together; (ii) to enable any amendments to be proposed, seconded and considered at the same time; (iii) to enable any amendment to be re-introduced later into the meeting.</p>			

Motion	Planning and Housing	Date	14/11/2012
Moving Cllr	Vinson	Seconding Cllr	Turner

Text of amended motion as carried

This Council believes that all development should contribute to improving the quality of life for the citizens of Southampton. Democratically elected local authorities are the most suitable judges of what development and standards are acceptable together with the suitable level of contribution that developers should make. This Council opposes:

- The Secretary of State's proposals for the Planning Inspectorate to have powers to override agreements between Councils and developers over the number of affordable housing units allocated to planning applications.
- The Secretary of State's proposals for planning permission – currently required for extensions of more than three or four metres from the rear wall of any home – to only be needed for those reaching beyond 8m for detached homes and 6m for others.
- The Secretary of State's proposals for the Planning Inspectorate to take planning powers away from local authorities deemed to be slow or of making poor quality planning decisions in determining applications.
- The Secretary of State's proposals for the review of Building Regulations that will harm standards on energy efficiency, accessible access, noise, vibration, fire safety, security, ventilation, drainage and waste.

This Council urges the Government to listen to the concerns being expressed by the cross-party Local Government Association.

This Council resolves to formally write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, outlining this Council's opposition to the plans.

That Officers respond to the consultation on extending permitted development rights for Homeowners and Businesses in consultation with the Cabinet Member and Chair of the Planning and Rights of Way Panel.

MOTIONS PASSED IN 2013

Motion	Motion against Blacklisting	Date	20/03/2013
Moving Cllr	Pope	Seconding Cllr	McEwing
Text of motion as carried			
<p>A number of construction companies have been challenged about supporting the existence of and subscribing to construction industry 'blacklists', which detail covertly gathered information on construction trade unionism, militant tendencies, poor timekeeping, trouble making, etc. Blacklisting is an unacceptable practice and cannot be condoned. The GMB union is leading a national campaign aimed at forcing those who have been involved in blacklisting to apologise to those who have been affected by it.</p> <p>It is understood that the construction industry blacklist was collated by the Consulting Association (a private consultancy) and was then provided at a cost to construction companies as they sought to recruit/avoid new workers. The Information Commissioner has investigated and taken action against the Consulting Association for this practice. Furthermore, the Information Commissioner has taken enforcement action against a number of construction companies based on the evidence recovered from the Consulting Association.</p> <p>Owing to the concentration of construction activity in and around large cities, many of those alleged to have been discriminated against live in the country's major cities, and undoubtedly this practice has disadvantaged residents of Southampton.</p> <p>Given the known impact on residents of the Southampton area reflected in the Deputation made to the Council, this Council deplores the use of blacklisting. The Council resolves to support the GMB campaign, and will seek written assurances from its partners and suppliers that they do not use blacklisting.</p>			

Motion	The Health and Social Care Act 2012 and its Impact on Services to Southampton Citizens	Date	20/03/2013
Moving Cllr	Pope	Seconding Cllr	Rayment

Text of altered motion as carried

This Council Notes that there is little evidence to show that the Health and Social Care Act 2012 will improve the efficiency, effectiveness or value-for-money of the National Health Service. There is no credible evidence that the open competition under the Any Qualified Provider system, as promoted by the National Health Service (Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition Regulations 2013) - Statutory Instrument 257 2013, will improve the NHS. There is great alarm amongst NHS staff, patients and public - that the Act and open competition will HARM the NHS, placing almost £16m of cost on Southampton's NHS. Accordingly this Council resolves that this is an unnecessary reorganisation that the NHS does not need when it is already under huge pressures, as shown by the Francis Report, and can ill afford. It resolves to write to the Secretary of State and the Shadow Secretary of State with the outcome of this motion and it resolves to write to the Chairs of the Health and Well-Being Board and the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel with the same.

Motion	Welfare Reforms	Date	20/03/2013
Moving Cllr	Kaur	Seconding Cllr	McEwing

Text of motion as carried

Southampton City Council resolves to request that the Government rethinks the "bedroom tax" and wider welfare reforms coming into play within the next few months. These reforms will have dire consequences for thousands of residents within Southampton and millions nationally, impacting those that are most vulnerable in our communities. Council condemns these reforms as unfair and counterproductive, bringing an unnecessary strain onto already squeezed resources as well as voluntary organisations who are already struggling with capacity.

Therefore, Full Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions as well as our local MPs setting out our concerns. Council also calls on the Executive to note and act upon the recommendations of the welfare reform scrutiny inquiry.

Motion	Cycling on Pavements	Date	20/03/2013
Moving Cllr	Vinson	Seconding Cllr	Turner
Text of amended motion as carried			
<p>This Council expresses its continued concern at dangerous incidents of cycling in pedestrian areas and illegal parking on yellow lines. Full Council calls on the Executive to continue to support greater options for our cycling networks, raise these issues with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and to refresh existing joint strategies, whilst further exploring the range of powers available to the local authority.</p>			
Motion	Charge for Collections of Household Green Waste	Date	20/03/2013
Moving Cllr	Smith	Seconding Cllr	Hannides
Text of amended motion as carried			
<p>This Council acknowledges the introduction of the charge for collections of household green waste. This is due to cuts in the overall funding from Central Government. Council nevertheless calls on the Executive to ensure recycling rates increase.</p>			

Motion	Southampton Keep Our NHS Public	Date	15/05/2013
Moving Cllr	Shields	Seconding Cllr	Pope
Text of altered motion as carried			
<p>The Council notes the petition from Southampton Keep Our NHS Public / Southampton Defend NHS Group, and recognises the concern expressed in relation to the potential effect of the National Health Service (Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition) Regulations on service provision and delivery.</p> <p>Council reaffirms its commitment to the policy on the NHS reforms agreed at its meeting of 20th March.</p> <p>Council resolves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ That the position set out in the petition that services available though the NHS should be delivered by NHS providers in preference to private providers be supported provided that the quality of patient safety is not compromised. ▪ That a letter be sent to local Members of Parliament seeking their support in encouraging commissioners of services provided to local people to ensure they are delivered by NHS providers wherever possible. ▪ That the Council will work closely with local NHS commissioners, neighbouring local authorities and the Local Government Association to promote and develop a high quality integrated care system in the Solent/ Wessex region based on democratically accountable public ownership. ▪ That the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel works with Healthwatch Southampton and other patient and user groups to monitor the impact of the implementation of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 on the development of local health services. 			
Motion	20mph Zones	Date	15/05/2013
Moving Cllr	Furnell	Seconding Cllr	Pope
Text of motion as carried			
<p>This Council believes that the introduction of 20mph zones across the City increases road safety for pedestrians. We support the proposed introduction of a trial 20mph zone in the Maybush and Redbridge areas. If this pilot scheme proves a success then Council calls on the Executive to bring forward proposals for similar schemes in other parts of the City as and when resources allow.</p>			

Motion	Bedroom Tax	Date	15/05/2013
Moving Cllr	Morrell	Seconding Cllr	Thomas
Text of amended motion as carried			
<p>Further to the resolution of the Council concerning the under occupancy penalty (so called 'Bedroom tax) Council should review its procedures to ensure that tenants affected by the bedroom tax have the maximum opportunity to downsize if that is their wish. This Council also calls on the next Labour Government to scrap the 'Bedroom Tax' legislation.</p>			
Motion	Honorary Aldermen	Date	15/05/2013
Moving Cllr	N/A	Seconding Cllr	N/A
Text of motion as carried			
<p>That in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the office of Honorary Alderman be conferred on former Councillors Mrs Edwina Cooke, Mrs Elizabeth Mizon and Mr Dennis Harryman in recognition of their eminent service to the City and their names be recorded in the Roll of Honorary Alderman.</p>			
Motion	Living Wage	Date	17/07/2013
Moving Cllr	Moulton	Seconding Cllr	Claisse
Text of amended motion as carried			
<p>This Council supports the principle of the Living Wage.</p> <p>Council welcomes the decision made by the Executive at the budget in February to pay a Living Wage to its directly employed staff, and calls on the Executive to work with partners to make Southampton a Living Wage City.</p>			
Motion	Overview and Scrutiny Management Procedure	Date	17/07/2013
Moving Cllr	Barnes-Andrews	Seconding Cllr	Rayment
Text of motion as carried			
<p>Council resolves in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Management Procedure Rule 3.4.2 that Councillor Matt Stevens may serve forthwith on Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and any panels of that committee and that the firebreak period is accordingly waived.</p>			

Motion	Secondary School Rebuild	Date	17/07/2013
Moving Cllr	Keogh	Seconding Cllr	Stevens

Text of amended motion as carried

The Council welcomes the recent Government confirmation of the finances necessary for the rebuild of Bitterne Park Secondary School. Whilst recognising the difficult state of the national finances, the Council urges the Government to bring forward plans to allow Southampton to rebuild all those secondary schools that require it, because this would not only help regenerate the local economy but provide the young people of this City with the highest standard of educational facilities to help them fulfil their potential.

Motion	Additional Planning Powers	Date	17/07/2013
Moving Cllr	Vinson	Seconding Cllr	Turner

Text of amended motion as carried

This Council deplores the unwelcome spread of betting shops, pay-day-loan premises, cheap off-licenses and seeks to bar the opening of fast food outlets near schools.

This Council calls upon the Executive to undertake a thorough review of its planning policies (including the potential for additional Article 4 Directions and supplementary planning documentation), reporting back in six months, in order to minimise the harmful impact of these unchecked and unwelcome developments in the City's district shopping centres, especially where they are likely to harm the health and wellbeing of our more vulnerable communities.

This Council also calls upon the Executive to write to central Government urging them to consider the introduction of a 'cap' on pay-day lending rates that is based on affordability and is linked to the Bank of England Base Rate.

Motion	Royal Mail	Date	18/09/2013
Moving Cllr	Pope	Seconding Cllr	Jeffery

Text of motion as carried

Given the two delivery offices in Southampton, the Southampton Mail Centre and delivery offices just outside the City, this Council recognises that the Royal Mail is part of the fabric of our nation and believes that plans for its privatisation will lead to high prices, a loss of jobs that will impact on our citizens and a reduction in services for the people in our City who need those services the most. Therefore we resolve that Southampton City Council should formally sign the "Save our Royal Mail" petition to put pressure on the Government to reverse its decision and protect the country's postal services; and that the Leader of the Council should write to the Secretary of State for Business and Enterprise conveying the terms of this Resolution.

Motion	Community Pubs	Date	18/09/2013
Moving Cllr	Letts	Seconding Cllr	Lloyd

Text of amended motion as carried

Given the recent changes of use of pubs in Southampton, for example the Castle at Midanbury to a Tesco store and the Hope and Anchor at Freemantle to a Co-op store, and the prospect of other pubs being similarly affected, Council notes the possibility of submitting the following proposal to the government under the Sustainable Communities Act:

‘That the Secretary of State help protect community pubs in England by ensuring that planning permission and community consultation are required before community pubs are allowed to be converted or demolished.’

The Council notes that if this power was acquired it would allow the Council to determine if pubs should be demolished or converted into other uses and determine the impact of such changes.

The Council resolves to submit the proposal to the government under the Sustainable Communities Act and to work together with Local Works and the Campaign for Real Ale to gain support for the proposal from other councils in the region and across the country.

Motion	Bus provision	Date	18/09/2013
Moving Cllr	Fitzhenry	Seconding Cllr	Daunt

Text of amended motion as carried

Council notes that as part of this year’s budget the Council withdrew c£392,000 of bus subsidies from bus operators in the City. Council recognises that the bus companies’ changes in routes, in June of this year, has led to problems for some bus users in the City. Council believes that the current situation is not ideal.

Council urges the Executive to build on existing relationships with these private companies and to continue to effectively encourage the use of all forms of sustainable transport. Council also urges the Executive to lobby local bus companies on more rigorous public consultation.

Motion	Litter and fly tipping	Date	18/09/2013
Moving Cllr	Vinson	Seconding Cllr	Turner

Text of altered motion as carried

This Council is concerned at the rising tide of litter and fly tipping across our City, and calls on the Administration to bring forward a strategy as soon as possible, drawing on the full range of available powers and best practice elsewhere, including consideration of education, waste reduction measures, waste collection facilities, levies, penalties and rewards, to combat this more effectively.

Motion	Biomass power station	Date	18/09/2013
Moving Cllr	Moulton	Seconding Cllr	Fitzhenry

Text of amended motion as carried

Council reaffirms its commitment to the Low Carbon Strategy adopted in 2011, and in particular priority number two which commits the Council and its partners to generate and use energy in a sustainable way so that Southampton will be a city where carbon-intensive living will be ‘powered down’ by reducing energy demand and diverse low-carbon energy supply will be ‘powered up’ by new technologies through efficient design and a diverse low-carbon energy supply mix.

Council maintains its opposition to a large wood burning biomass power station in the Western docks and – should a planning application be submitted by Heliuss Energy along the lines that have been proposed – urges the Government of the day to respect local concerns and use its authority to block the plan.

This Council notes that Heliuss Energy may need to find significant local demand for the heat energy produced by its proposed biomass power station, if it is to take advantage of potential government funding or subsidies. In light of the Council’s previously stated opposition to the proposed power station, this Council agrees that in so far as is legal it will never become a customer of Heliuss Energy’s heat or electricity output or of any companies that might in the future build or operate its scheme or one like it on a similar scale, on the same site or elsewhere in the Western Docks. On the same basis, Council makes it clear that should a large wood burning biomass power station be approved and eventually built in the Western Docks the City Council will at no stage ever directly or indirectly purchase any heat power or electricity generated by it.

Council resolves that it will write to Heliuss Energy to advise them accordingly, with the letter preferably signed by all 4 Group Leaders. A copy of this letter should also be sent to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change to help inform any decisions taken on the plant’s future.

Motion	Late Night Levy	Date	20/11/2013
Moving Cllr	Letts	Seconding Cllr	Kaur

Text of motion as carried

Council notes the cost both in financial and social terms of the late night economy in the City Centre.

Council requests the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services begin the process of statutory consultation required prior to Council deciding whether to bring in a Late Night Levy. This Levy should it be brought in would be used to contribute towards the costs of keeping those using the night time economy safe.

Motion	The Arts Complex	Date	20/11/2013
Moving Cllr	Hannides	Seconding Cllr	Moulton

Text of amended motion as carried

Following the recent commencement of works to build the Arts Complex, the Council acknowledges the positive and constructive approach taken by the Executive in facilitating the delivery of the next phase of the city's flag ship cultural quarter development.

The Council notes that the Arts Complex is fully funded within the currently agreed capital programme. However, Council is aware that a new roof will be required on the Art Gallery at the start of 2015 at a cost close to £1,400,000.

Council calls on the Executive to engage and work with the Chipperfield Advisory Committee and other associated parties to raise funds to pay for the new roof during the course of 2014. As a last resort, the roof may have to be funded through the sale of art.

Motion	Government Cuts in Local Authority Funding	Date	20/11/2013
Moving Cllr	Morrell	Seconding Cllr	Thomas

Text of amended motion as carried

This Council deplores the dire financial straits into which it has been driven by the government's cuts in local authority funding. Before even last year's budget the Leader of the Council, Councillor Simon Letts described the axing of services and jobs as equivalent to "removing limbs", and now the council is confronted with making even more cuts amounting to £60 million over the next three years on top of the £57 million cut over the last three years.

This Council rejects the government's argument for cutting local authority spending. It is the bankers and the super-rich, who created the world financial crisis, who should be made to pay, not ordinary people and council workers in Southampton.

This Council demands from the government the funding needed to maintain services.

Council notes the success of the Councils redeployment policy which has kept compulsory redundancies to a minimum. Council further notes the successful bids under this administration in areas such as Transport, Waste and Skills which have brought extra resources to this City.

Council would like to put on record its thanks to our officers across many areas who have worked on this years budget and brought forward proposals which minimise charging increases and service cuts.

Council calls on the Leader to continue to work with other similar Councils through the LGA and the Key Cities grouping to lobby government in an attempt to secure a better funding deal for urban local authorities.

Motion	Sixth Form Colleges - VAT	Date	20/11/2013
Moving Cllr	Kaur	Seconding Cllr	Paffey

Text of motion as carried

The Council calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the forthcoming Autumn Statement to announce plans to allow Sixth Form Colleges to reclaim VAT on their purchases in the same way that Academy and local authority School Sixth forms can. This would create a level playing field between such institutions in Southampton and provide both Richard Taunton and Itchen sixth form colleges with additional funding of up to potentially £300,000 to pursue their missions in raising and supporting the ambitions of the most disadvantaged students in our City.

Motion	Portsmouth Dockyard	Date	20/11/2013
Moving Cllr	Letts	Seconding Cllr	Smith

Text of motion as carried

This Council calls on Government to immediately suspend the decision to end shipbuilding in Portsmouth ahead of a Cabinet Office review into all of the options available, and to:

1. Endorse a 'three Yard solution' as being most appropriate for strategic, political and economic reasons;
2. Ensure remaining work to be done in Portsmouth on the Royal Navy's new aircraft carriers stays with the city's shipbuilders (Blocks UB07, UB014, LB05);
3. Build at least one of the navy's new Offshore Patrol Vessels in Portsmouth, and guarantee future work in the form of sections of the upcoming Type 26 frigates;
4. Give a public assurance that the MoD-owned land currently in use for shipbuilding at Portsmouth Naval Base will remain available to support that work;
5. Appoint a named minister to act as a single point of contact for discussions between city leaders, unions, BAE Systems, other interested parties, and your government;
6. Adopt a 'workshare' approach and retain the existing proportion of Type 23 work in Portsmouth;
7. Undertake maintenance and preparation work, such as the fabrication of necessary caissons in Portsmouth rather than in Holland as previously;
8. Visit Portsmouth as soon as possible, with defence secretary Philip Hammond and the appointed minister, to discuss options going forward.

These views to be communicated by the Leader of the Council to the Prime Minister.

MOTIONS PASSED IN 2014

Motion	Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Date	19/03/2014
Moving Cllr	Letts	Seconding Cllr	Barnes-Andrews
Text of motion as carried			
<p>Council resolves in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Management Procedure Rule 3.4.2 that Councillor Bogle may serve forthwith on Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel and that the firebreak period is accordingly waived.</p>			
Motion	Estate Agents and Letting Agency Boards	Date	19/03/2014
Moving Cllr	Vinson	Seconding Cllr	Turner
Text of motion as carried			
<p>This Council recognises the concerns of residents in many parts of the city at the forest of 'to let', 'for sale' and 'sold by' boards and posters, left in place for considerable periods of time, which is blighting neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Council notes that, in the age of the internet, such signs are no longer the principal means of attracting tenants.</p> <p>Council therefore urges the Executive to make full use of the powers available to curb the excessive display of such signs, including consideration of the adoption of a Regulation 7 Direction under the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations, and a rigorous Lettings Board Code as adopted by Leeds City Council and others.</p>			
Motion	Honorary Aldermen	Date	04/06/2014
Moving Cllr	N/A	Seconding Cllr	N/A
Text of motion as carried			
<p>That in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the office of Honorary Alderman be conferred on former Councillors Gerry Drake, and Carol Cunio in recognition of their eminent service to the City and their names be recorded in the Roll of Honorary Alderman.</p>			

Motion	Spitfire Tribute	Date	16/07/2014
Moving Cllr	Hannides	Seconding Cllr	Letts

Text of motion as carried

The Council welcomes the Executive’s clear leadership in supporting the National Spitfire Project (NSP), and notes the unanimous backing it has received from all political groups on the Council.

The Council resolves to:

- Endorse the NSP’s objective of building a lasting tribute to the Spitfire as a memorial to the men and women who designed, built, maintained and flew the aircraft.
- Facilitate the provision and transfer of Council-owned land for the Spitfire monument on the designated waterfront site at Mayflower Park.
- Note the lasting benefits to the City of erecting an international landmark at Mayflower Park to be seen and enjoyed by Southampton residents and millions of visitors.
- Recognise the high importance of the project to the City and continue to positively and constructively engage with the National Spitfire Project team.

Motion	Bitterne Walk-in Centre	Date	19/11/2014
Moving Cllr	Letts	Seconding Cllr	Stevens

Text of altered motion as carried

Council notes with concern, the (now withdrawn) proposals by the Southampton City CCG to temporarily suspend services at the Bitterne Walk-in Centre.

The City Council registers alarm at the present crisis confronting the City’s healthcare system directly as a consequence of Government austerity policy. A position made worse by the unnecessary reorganisation of the NHS, a re-organisation which cost £16,000,000 in this City.

Council notes that this resource would have been enough to both keep the walk in centre open and improve community services to reduce hospital admissions.

Council calls upon its representatives to work with the CCG, Solent Healthcare and other care providers to create a more workable model for a modern, integrated primary care system which enables patients – especially on the east side of the city – to see their GP at times when it is convenient to them including weekends and evenings.

Council calls on the CCG to keep the walk in centre open until a suitable out of hours GP based service can be delivered.

Motion	Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)	Date	19/11/2014
Moving Cllr	Pope	Seconding Cllr	Shields
Text of motion as carried			
<p>Proposals under the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) to govern trade relations between the EU and USA are currently being negotiated. While TTIP offers the potential to unlock US markets for EU businesses, including those from Southampton, there are legitimate concerns from the public, NGOs, the GMB, Unite and Unison unions and other parts of civic society such as 38 Degrees.</p> <p>These concerns include a lack of transparency in the negotiations, a lack of sufficient regulation, a lack of democracy in dispute resolution and challenges by private interests to Southampton City Council, national and supra-national governments (e.g. via Investor-State Dispute Settlement), threats to local public services and ethical procurement provided Southampton City Council, and TTIP easing the path to privatisation of the NHS from the Coalition Government such as the Health and Social Care Act 2012.</p> <p>TTIP also threatens local Southampton businesses and residents from predatory companies that undermine employment rights, environmental rights and the benefits of their employment to Southampton residents.</p> <p>Council therefore RESOLVES to call upon the Leader of the Council to write to the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, and all South East MEPs, asking them to ensure that TTIP does not include an extension of ISDS and will not threaten the NHS, and to follow Shadow Health Minister Andy Burnham's example in stating publicly that they would protect the NHS from TTIP if an appropriate deal is not reached.</p> <p>Council also RESOLVES to respond to the European Ombudsman Own-Initiative Inquiry on Transparency in TTIP, and any future similar public inquiry, outlining the above potential threats to this Council's ability to lead Southampton's communities with social, environmental, ethical and economic initiatives, and the threats to Southampton's local businesses and partners.</p>			

Motion	Southampton Sports Centre and Golf Course	Date	19/11/2014
Moving Cllr	L Harris	Seconding Cllr	Moulton
Text of amended motion as carried			
<p>This Council endorses the original purpose and intent of the establishment of the Southampton Sports Centre and Golf Course, as enshrined in the following text:</p> <p>“The provision of outdoor facilities for the benefit of all the residents of Southampton was the brainchild of Sir Sidney Kimber who proposed “to create for the present and future generations another civic centre – an outdoor sports and recreation centre - large, central, compact, beautifully situated for the use of thousands of both sexes, young and old, robust and frail, rich and poor, for the provision of all known outdoor games, which centre is bound to promote health, enjoyment and happiness to untold numbers; and, as the years roll on and the population multiplies enormously, will prove to be one of the outstanding assets of a town and port destined for unrivalled supremacy.”</p> <p>The Council, therefore, welcomes opportunities presented for further development and enhancement of the Sports Centre and Golf Course that are broadly in keeping with the Sir Sidney Kimber’s original vision and which can confer lasting benefits for all Southampton residents.</p>			

MOTIONS PASSED IN 2015

Motion	Library Consultation	Date	18/03/2015
Moving Cllr	Baillie	Seconding Cllr	O'Neil
Text of amended motion as carried			
<p>Council welcomes the petitions regarding the future transformation of the Library Service and thanks all those who have signed them for doing so. Council recognises that this is an issue of concern to many.</p> <p>Council acknowledges that the consultation period ended on the 6th March and as such the results of the consultation exercise need to be collated and reviewed. Consequently, these petitions will feed into the consultation process and which will inform the ultimate decision.</p> <p>Council calls upon the Executive to ensure that all submitted suggestions and options regarding the now finished Library Consultation are investigated with consideration given to the general positive physical & mental health improvements that a vibrant library provides.</p>			
Motion	Western approach to City	Date	18/03/2015
Moving Cllr	Moulton	Seconding Cllr	Galton
Text of altered and amended motion as carried			
<p>Council recognises the benefits that the Western Docks bring to the local, regional and national economy but also notes the impact that increasing amounts of docks related traffic and industry is having on neighbouring residential communities on the west of the City.</p> <p>Council calls upon the Executive to work with council officers and ABP in drawing up plans to improve the appearance of the western approach to the City; to develop a green corridor which may include a programme of tree planting along with a range of other measures along the boundary of the docks. Council notes the opportunities presented by the refresh of the Council's Local Plan to address this matter. Council also notes the evidence that has been presented to the scrutiny inquiry into air quality, which highlights the benefits that greening this part of the City would bring; as well as improving the aesthetic appearance of the area, it would also help improve local air quality by absorbing pollution.</p> <p>Furthermore Council notes the many benefits that trees can bring communities more broadly; including reducing ground maintenance budgets, helping to maintain climate equilibrium, improving water quality in rivers and streams, assisting with combating flooding, supporting a wide range of wildlife and providing health and wellbeing benefits.</p> <p>This Council therefore pledges to explore broader opportunities for increased tree planting on Council owned land, and to give consideration and encouragement to initiatives that encourage tree planting elsewhere in the City.</p>			

Motion	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	Date	18/03/2015
Moving Cllr	Hecks	Seconding Cllr	White

Text of amended motion as carried

Every year in the United Kingdom there are more than 30,000 ‘out of hospital’ cardiac arrests. Of those 30,000 less than 10% of patients survive; that is 27,000 potentially avoidable deaths. Contrast that with Norway where survival rates of 1 in 4 – 25% - significantly more than in the UK. One primary reason for that substantially greater survival rate is that in Norway training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation [CPR] is compulsory in all secondary schools. This means that many more bystanders have the knowledge to assist in an emergency prior to the arrival of the emergency services.

CPR training is simple and takes less than 30 minutes. The British Heart Foundation [BHF] has launching its ‘Nation of Lifesavers’ campaign to make CPR training a part of the curriculum in every secondary school and college. Free training kits are available and no direct teacher involvement is required, the training being essentially led by a video presentation. There is thus no financial resource requirement from the school’s budget, only a single half hour out of teaching time per year.

Council therefore RESOLVES to support the British Heart Foundation’s ‘Nation of Lifesavers’ campaign by encouraging all secondary schools and colleges within Southampton to implement the BHF’s campaign by including CPR training within the curriculum.

Council recognises the need to train people – particularly young people - in the skills needed to step in and help in an emergency. Council proposes, therefore, to explore options for the introduction of a Southampton ‘heart-safe’ programme that would include:

1. Working in partnership with local community and voluntary organisations to provide support for schools and young people so that by the time every child leaves school they will have had access to emergency first aid training for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the use of defibrillators
2. Working in partnership with local businesses, identify opportunities for locating AEDs in major public venues and supporting local fundraising efforts to provide them to schools and sports clubs.

Motion	My Journey Commuter Challenge	Date	18/03/2015
Moving Cllr	Keogh	Seconding Cllr	Hammond
Text of altered motion as carried			
<p>The My Journey Commuter Challenge is an excellent initiative supported by Southampton City Council that seeks to encourage commuters in the month of May to use a mode of transport to and from work other than their car. This could be walking, cycling, or using the bus or train. Not only does this help reduce congestion and pollution in the City, it also delivers significant health benefits to the individual and supports the City Council's pledge to achieve its modal shift away from cars to other more environment friendly modes of transport.</p> <p>The Council calls upon the Executive to set a target of 10% for Southampton City Council to achieve for the My Journey Commuter Challenge in May 2015.</p>			
Motion	Funding Settlement	Date	20/05/2015
Moving Cllr	Keogh	Seconding Cllr	Letts
Text of motion as carried			
<p>The Council calls upon the Executive to write to the new Conservative MP for Southampton Itchen to set out how he will work with the Council to achieve a fairer funding settlement for the residents of Southampton from Central Government.</p>			
Motion	Honorary Aldermen	Date	20/05/2015
Moving Cllr	N/A	Seconding Cllr	N/A
Text of motion as carried			
<p>That in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the office of Honorary Alderman be conferred on former Councillor Peter Baillie in recognition of his eminent service to the City and his name be recorded in the Roll of Honorary Aldermen.</p>			
Motion	Honorary Aldermen	Date	15/07/2015
Moving Cllr	N/A	Seconding Cllr	N/A
Text of motion as carried			
<p>That in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the office of Honorary Alderman be conferred on former Councillor Adrian Vinson in recognition of his eminent service to the City and his name be recorded in the Roll of Honorary Aldermen.</p>			

Motion	Estate Regeneration	Date	15/07/2015
Moving Cllr	Payne	Seconding Cllr	Furnell

Text of motion as carried

This Council recognises that the Government's drive to extend right to buy to housing associations may leave those associations struggling to replace sold stock, impacting on their future budgets. As a consequence, affordable housing supply in Southampton may suffer with the loss of existing homes, and housing associations being less inclined to borrow more money to create new ones.

Council notes that this outcome makes it less likely that housing associations would be able to take on properties in the City created by estate regeneration projects, placing a greater onus on the Council being a direct housing provider itself.

On the subject of estate regeneration, Council pledges its support and thanks to members of the Townhill Park stakeholder group. It also pledges full backing for the newly formed stakeholder group in Millbrook chaired by Cllr Cathie McEwing and welcomes that residents and other local stakeholders will take a leading role in shaping the estate's future.

Motion	Southampton's Heritage	Date	15/07/2015
Moving Cllr	Bogle	Seconding Cllr	Tucker

Text of motion as carried

This Council notes that Southampton benefits from a rich and varied history, and that there is a strong interest in heritage in the City, illustrated by the many groups and initiatives that already exist.

The Council seeks to build on these strengths to ensure Southampton makes the most of its heritage to the benefit of the local economy, civic pride and as a means of attracting visitors and investment.

The Council will work together with its partners to incorporate the promotion of Southampton's heritage into the following areas:

- Economic development
- Tourism and the visitor economy
- Boosting civic pride
- Events and cultural developments
- City branding

Motion	Walk In facilities at the Bitterne Walk In Centre	Date	16/09/2015
Moving Cllr	White	Seconding Cllr	Hannides

Text of altered and amended motion as carried

This Council condemns the poor funding settlement Southampton CCG has received compared to other CCG's in Hampshire.

The City Council recognises the CCG desire to improve Community Services within the City but because of a lack of Health services on the east and associated transport problems we request that those walk in facilities at the Bitterne walk in centre be maintained until an alternative comprehensive GP based out of hours service is available to all patients registered at Southampton GP's.

Motion	'Time to Change' campaign	Date	16/09/2015
Moving Cllr	Lewzey	Seconding Cllr	Shields

Text of motion as carried

This Council supports the aim of reducing the stigma and resulting discrimination often experienced by people affected by mental health issues. We support the 'Time to Change' campaign being planned for the weeks around World Mental Health Day on 10th October 2015 to publicise the need to change the way that we all behave towards people who have mental health issues.

Public understanding of the reality of mental health issues has been improving in recent years but much remains to be done. One in four of us will experience a significant mental health concern. Each of those people will have family members or other close relationships who will be affected as a result. All of us will know someone as family or friend, or study with someone or work with someone who is affected. Mental health issues can affect young people, people of working age or older people. The impact on people in family, working, educational or social life can be profound.

We recognise that if we are to be successful in changing stigma and discrimination we need all parts of the City's population and organisations to contribute. This will be of special concern to people who use services, carers and organisations working in partnership to provide help with mental health.

Since mental health is everyone's business Council Members, together with others in Southampton, will be offered the chance to attend a number of events and activities during October.

Of special note is the initiative being taken by OSMC and the special City Council Scrutiny Panel that will be looking at the situation for people with dementia in Southampton and how the City is progressing in order to become a fully Dementia-friendly city.

Motion	Southampton's library buildings	Date	16/09/2015
Moving Cllr	Fuller	Seconding Cllr	Inglis

Text of amended motion as carried

This Council notes the over ninety million pounds of cuts that have been imposed upon it by a vicious uncaring Conservative government. This Council further notes that the Chancellor Mr Osborne has instructed his ministers to propose further cuts of between 25 and 40% in non-protected budgets. The Conservative government has designated all our services including Libraries as non-protected. Services like Libraries are not a priority for this government.

This Council recognises the important role libraries and other council supported community buildings play in the social fabric of our City. Council notes the commitment given by the Leader to maintain fully funded Libraries in our district and city centres. Council calls on the Executive to work with all interested parties in establishing thriving community run Libraries in the five locations where a fully funded council service is being withdrawn.

The contribution some libraries make cannot simply be measured in the number of books borrowed, they have become important community hubs that have enriched and helped bond local communities. A safe and secure place for children, an enriching and motivating environment, a place for getting back on your feet or simply somewhere to reflect quietly – some of our libraries provide all of these and can continue to do so as either fully funded buildings or community run facilities.

If the Conservative government withdraws its proposal to cut council funding further in the autumn then the Executive gives a commitment to withdraw its proposal to change the status of five city libraries to community run buildings.

Motion	Trade Union Bill	Date	18/11/2015
Moving Cllr	Jeffery	Seconding Cllr	Hammond

Text of motion as carried

Council notes the positive contribution that our trade union colleagues make to the best possible delivery of public services in Southampton. Through partnership rather than conflict, trade unions represent their members, assist in the development of a safe and decent working environment, and add to the overall ethos of Southampton as an attractive place to work.

Council is alarmed at the way in which the Trade Union Bill seeks to tear up the collaboration between employers and trade union members, and the potential impact this will have on Southampton City Council, and many other workplaces across Southampton. The attacks on the right to strike, on the freedom of speech, and by making it more difficult for trade union members to pay their subscriptions are not just an attack on the trade union movement, but an attack on our fundamental rights in a democratic society.

Council therefore resolves the following:

- To continue to offer a “cheque-off” service - the ability of trade union members to have their subscriptions deducted at point of payment - to all members of staff at Southampton City Council, in spite of Government attempts to stop it. If this is not possible, to come up with a local plan to enable alternative methods of payment.
- To support the continuation of Trade Union Facility Time, in recognition of its contribution to reduced litigation and a healthier and safer working environment, and in promoting a positive working environment.
- To clearly reaffirm Southampton City Council’s commitment to being a friendly environment for trade unions, to welcome their development, and to work in partnership with trade unions, not in conflict.
- To issue a press release upholding Southampton City Council’s support for the trade union movement, and reflecting the aforementioned resolution.

Motion	Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service	Date	18/11/2015
Moving Cllr	Mintoff	Seconding Cllr	Spicer

Text of motion as carried

This Council notes the current ongoing consultation by Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service 'Planning for a Safer Hampshire' and the proposal within the document to reduce night time cover at Hightown Fire Station.

This Council believes that this will increase the risk to lives and property for the whole of the East of the City, containing some of the most deprived areas in the country, at a time of the day when people are most vulnerable to fire.

Council notes that similar reductions in night time cover are not proposed for the Cosham station in Portsmouth which deals with less critical incidents, covers a smaller population, and has fewer large risks such as BP Hamble, NATS and multiple high rise buildings on their station ground.

Council calls on the Leader of the Council to write to the Chief Fire Officer to raise these concerns and on our Fire Authority members to not support any proposal that leads to the reduction in night time cover at Hightown.

Motion	Social Care Budgets	Date	18/11/2015
Moving Cllr	Letts	Seconding Cllr	Chaloner

Text of altered motion as carried

Council notes that in the last five years we have seen unprecedented cuts to our government grant and that the cuts to local government have been concentrated on urban areas like Southampton.

Council notes that demand continues to rise in high cost service areas like adults and children's social care.

Council notes the efforts by Cllr Royston Smith MP, Alan Whitehead, MP and Caroline Nokes MP to highlight local concerns about in year Public Health cuts and that Councillor Smith MP had written to Jane Ellison MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Department of Health) raising the council's concerns.

Council calls on the Leader of the Council to write to the Chancellor and the Secretary of State for local government ahead of the autumn statement and request that our social care budgets are protected in the same way as other government budgets with rising demand such as Health. This letter to be copied to all Southampton MP's.

MOTIONS PASSED IN 2016

Motion	Housing and Planning Bill and the Welfare Reform and Work Bill	Date	16/03/2016
Moving Cllr	Furnell	Seconding Cllr	Payne
Text of motion as carried			
<p>This Council notes the Housing and Planning Bill along with the Welfare Reform and Work Bill will have a significantly damaging impact in Southampton.</p> <p>It will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Southampton City Council will have £33m less to spend on housing (£10m due to inflation, £23m directly linked to Government) over the next four years. 2. Under 'Pay to Stay', Southampton families earning more than £30,000 per year will forfeit their social rent and be forced to pay full market rent, in some cases, seeing their rent double. Council further notes that a couple earning the living wage could be impacted by Pay to Stay and the only financial beneficiary will be the Tory-led Government. 3. No housing provider, including Southampton, will be able to offer new council tenancies for life. Tenancies will only be temporary (2-5 years) with no lifetime security. 4. The stricter benefit cap (£20,000 per family instead of £26,000) will see the number of tenants affected by the benefit cap in Southampton increase by 20 times (800 up from 39). In conjunction with the introduction of Universal Credit, this Council recognises tenants' rental debts will almost inevitably increase, harming the Council's cash flow. 5. To bankroll extending the Right to Buy to housing associations, local authorities will be forced to sell council housing to compensate housing associations for their lost properties. In effect, the loss of one social property will lead to another being lost in consequence. <p>This Council is gravely worried about these impacts on Southampton. As a result, it calls on all group leaders to sign a joint letter to the city's three MPs urging them to publicly denounce both bills.</p>			

Motion	Environmental Challenges and Climate Change	Date	16/03/2016
Moving Cllr	Shields	Seconding Cllr	Keogh

Text of motion as carried

This Council is concerned at the worrying lack of progress by Government on addressing the nation’s environmental challenges and on tackling man-made climate change, in particular. We are especially disappointed at the reversal of Government policy on green energy and the failure to support adequately local authorities sufficient powers to address poor health resulting from air pollution and to prevent unwanted fracking.

Council recognises the valuable contribution made by the current administration in promoting a cleaner environment in Southampton through initiatives such as the:

1. Introduction of glass recycling.
2. My Journey Campaign promoting modal shift.
3. Working with British Cycling to promote the Southampton Sky Rides.
4. Air quality scrutiny inquiry report.
5. “Keep Britain Tidy” declares Southampton parks to be some of the best in the country in 2014.
6. Investment in play areas across the City.

Council resolves to continue to work with our City MPs in addressing Southampton’s environmental challenges and pressing central Government for adequate levels of resources for meeting these.

Motion	Lollipop men and ladies	Date	16/03/2016
Moving Cllr	Moulton	Seconding Cllr	Inglis

Text of amended motion as carried

Ensuring the safety of children in Southampton should be an absolute priority for the City Council.

Council recognises and values the important role that the city's dozens of lollipop men and ladies do in keeping local school children safe. Council further notes that with many of our local primary schools expanding, ensuring that children can get to school safely is an ever more pressing issue.

Council notes the Administration's excellent negotiating strategy in relation to Transformation Project reviews, these have resulted in significant additional financial benefits to the Council.

Council calls on the Executive to use some of these additional savings to maintain a Council funded school crossing patrol service for all schools that have or commit to developing a school travel plan.

Council calls on the Executive to continue to work with school governing bodies to secure additional resources to enhance road safety around our schools.

Motion	European Union	Date	18/05/2016
Moving Cllr	Letts	Seconding Cllr	Barnes-Andrews

Text of motion as carried

On the balance of the arguments this Council believes it is in the interests of the City of Southampton for the UK to remain a member of the European Union.

Motion	Acts of racism	Date	20/07/2016
Moving Cllr	Moulton	Seconding Cllr	Kaur
Text of altered motion as carried			
<p>Calls on Council to support David Cameron’s example of uniting the country behind the decision made democratically to leave the European Union and move forward together.</p> <p>Southampton is a diverse and tolerant city with a long history of people from different communities living in harmony together. Council is concerned about the recent rise in hate crime and condemns it in all its forms, which includes a zero tolerance policy to any incidents of a racial nature which has increased in Southampton following the EU referendum. Council will actively work with affected communities to encourage people to report hate crime and asks the police to deal effectively with those that carry them out.</p> <p>Council also notes that following the result of the EU referendum on the 23rd of June the future of European Citizens, who have chosen to live and build their lives in our city is uncertain. Many of these citizens play a vital role in the daily life of our city, working in our private and public sectors. Council requests that the Leader of the Council write to the home office seeking an early clarification as to the status of European Citizens living in Southampton and whether they will be offered the right to remain.</p> <p>Now is our opportunity to take the result forward and build an ever fairer, stronger and prosperous United Kingdom for us all.</p>			
Motion	Armed Forces Covenant	Date	21/09/2016
Moving Cllr	Fuller	Seconding Cllr	Moulton
Text of motion as carried			
<p>Southampton City Council recognises the important role that the Armed Forces, both Regular and Reserve, play in protecting the security, independence and interests of the United Kingdom both at home and abroad. As such, we re-affirm our commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant and will undertake any actions needed to achieve a Bronze Award in the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme in the coming year. We will also commit to meeting all the criteria required to achieve Silver and Gold Awards in the same scheme which will enable us to be nominated for those awards in future years.</p>			

Motion	Honorary Freedom of the City	Date	16/11/2016
Moving Cllr	McEwing	Seconding Cllr	L Harris
Text of motion as carried			
<p>(i) that in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Honorary Freedom of the City be conferred on Francis Benali, in recognition of his fund raising achievements for charitable causes; and</p> <p>(ii) that suitable scrolls and caskets be commissioned for this purpose.</p>			
Motion	Women Against State Pension Inequality	Date	16/11/2016
Moving Cllr	T Thomas	Seconding Cllr	Morrell
Text of motion as carried			
<p>Southampton City Council welcomes the opportunity, in response to a request to their ward councillors from Southampton members of Solent WASPI, the local branch of Women Against State Pension Inequality, to support their call upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6th April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age with lack of appropriate notification.</p> <p>Hundreds and possibly thousands of Southampton women, and hundreds of thousands nationally, had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little or no personal notification of the changes. Some women had only two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age.</p> <p>Many women born in the 1950's are now living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment.</p> <p>Council therefore instructs the Leader to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions accordingly.</p>			

Motion	Central Government Proposal to Reduce Funding for Community Pharmacies	Date	16/11/2016
Moving Cllr	Noon	Seconding Cllr	Bogle
Text of motion as carried			
<p>This Council greatly values and appreciates the important contribution of primary care to the City's health and wellbeing. An essential part of the primary care system is provided by community pharmacies. This Council is alarmed, therefore, at plans by central government to drastically reduce funding for community pharmacy in 2016/17 (a 12% cut) and subsequent years.</p> <p>Council, therefore, urges the Health & Wellbeing Board to seek assurances from Government Ministers that no community pharmacies in Southampton will be placed at risk of closure as a result of the national strategy and to work in partnership with the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Local Pharmaceutical Committee and the City's GPs to vigorously protect and promote the City's valuable primary care services.</p>			
Motion	Brexit Negotiations	Date	16/11/2016
Moving Cllr	Keogh	Seconding Cllr	Furnell
Text of motion as carried			
<p>This Council believes that a key principle underpinning the Brexit negotiations and agreement should be the achievement and maintenance of a strong and stable national economy because this supports the growth and development of local economies such as Southampton, ensuring our residents have the best outcomes in terms of employment opportunities, disposable incomes and access to reliable public services. It will intrinsically affect major employers in the City such as the University Hospital Southampton NHS Trust, our two Universities and ABP.</p> <p>This Council asks that the Leader of the Council write to the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union requesting that he sets out the economic tests that will underpin our Brexit negotiations and agreement.</p>			
Motion	Council approach to Customer Services	Date	16/11/2016
Moving Cllr	Moulton	Seconding Cllr	Fitzhenry
Text of amended motion as carried			
<p>Full Council recognises the concern about the way it is felt by some, that it has become difficult for residents of Southampton to get in contact with the City Council. Council accepts that although no existing contact channels have been switched off, a number of residents have struggled with the new IVR system when using the telephone. Full Council calls on the Executive to urgently conduct a full review on telephone customer interaction and to ensure that the needs of all Southampton residents are catered for.</p>			

MOTIONS PASSED IN 2017

Motion	Skateboarding in Guildhall Square	Date	15/03/2017
Moving Cllr	Moulton	Seconding Cllr	Fitzhenry
Text of amended motion as carried			
<p>Council celebrates the fact that the redevelopment of Guildhall Square and Northern Above Bar is achieving the aim of appealing to a broad range of age groups, and with the new arts centre due to open shortly, Council is keen to encourage all groups to use this public space considerably.</p> <p>Council resolves to continue the positive dialogue that has begun with skateboarders, to produce with them a Code of Conduct, to continue to promote the Cultural Quarter as a place for everyone, and to carry on developing and improving facilities for skateboarders across the City.</p>			
Motion	Ultra-Low Emission Vehicles	Date	15/03/2017
Moving Cllr	Moulton	Seconding Cllr	Fitzhenry
Text of amended motion as carried			
<p>Council resolves to make Southampton the most attractive place in the UK for the use of Ultra Low Emission Vehicles. Council recognises the enormous contribution that electric or zero emission vehicles can provide to Southampton's air quality problem and therefore will look at best practice in other towns and cities, with a view to introducing both local incentives for electric car use and to significantly improving availability of charging points. Council fully supports the executives plan to review all discounts, incentives and policies to increase the take up of Electric Vehicles and Hybrids in the city. Furthermore, Council welcomes the current public consultation on providing a 90% parking discount on season tickets in the city centre. Council also agrees to review planning policies to introduce requirements for rapid charge electric vehicle charging points for suitable new developments.</p>			

Motion	Reduction of City Wide CO2 Emissions	Date	15/03/2017
Moving Cllr	Shields	Seconding Cllr	Hammond
Text of motion as carried			
<p>The City Council recognises that the world faces an environmental crisis resulting from man-made climate change for which we all have a responsibility.</p> <p>The City Council wants to set ambitious targets for making Southampton 100% clean by 2040 in line with the commitments made by the UK government and several other national governments at the 2015 Paris World Leaders' Summit.</p> <p>The City Council therefore commits to a shift to 100% clean energy by 2040, building on our existing targets in the Council's 2011 Low Carbon City Strategy to reduce City-wide CO2 emissions by 2020 and in line with our commitments as a signatory to the European Covenant of Mayors for Climate Change and Energy in 2012.</p>			
Motion	Honorary Aldermen	Date	17/05/2017
Moving Cllr	N/A	Seconding Cllr	N/A
Text of motion as carried			
<p>That in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the office of Honorary Alderman be conferred on former Councillors David Beckett and Linda Norris in recognition of their eminent service to the City and their names be recorded in the Roll of Honorary Aldermen.</p>			
Motion	Armed Forces Day Event	Date	19/07/2017
Moving Cllr	Fuller	Seconding Cllr	Moulton
Text of amended motion as carried			
<p>This Council recognises the significant contribution and sacrifice our Armed Forces have made, and continue to make, to defend our freedom. This Council has made significant strides in working with other authorities and the Armed Forces in ensuring the welfare and wellbeing of all serving personnel and veterans is catered for. To this end we have secured a grant which will enable us to carry out a needs assessment and asset management across the region. Promotions and commemorations including Armed Forces Day will play an important part of this. The Council will work with all partners, military and civilian, to ensure this is a fitting tribute to all our serving military personnel and veterans.</p>			

Motion	Consultation with the Fire Service on particular Planning Applications	Date	20/09/2017
Moving Cllr	Mintoff	Seconding Cllr	Coombs
Text of motion as carried			
<p>In light of the Grenfell Tower Fire, this Council agrees to write to the Local Government Association and the Police & Fire Minister asking that Planning Law is changed to make it obligatory for Planning Departments and developers to consult the Fire Service on all Planning Applications which relate to purpose-built student accommodation, schools, hotels, high rise office blocks, high rise housing, large development sites and NHS buildings. In the meantime Southampton City Council immediately operates the voluntary process offered by Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service to look at the above-mentioned planning applications.</p>			
Motion	Southampton University Student Tower Block on Wessex Lane	Date	15/11/2017
Moving Cllr	Painton	Seconding Cllr	Vassiliou
Text of amended motion as carried			
<p>This Council expresses its concern that South Stoneham Tower on Wessex Lane still remains empty after 12 years and believes that it is an eyesore that impacts adversely on the local area and is costing the University a considerable amount of money to maintain the scaffolding around it. Additionally, it is a waste of valuable land at a time when there is a great need for housing for local people and purpose-built accommodation for our student population.</p> <p>Council notes the strong desire from local ward councillors, residents and the Woodmill Neighbourhood Watch to see something done with the site.</p> <p>Council urges the Executive and the Chief Executive to continue urgent dialogue with the University of Southampton and to push for a plan for the site.</p>			

Motion	Welfare Reforms	Date	15/11/2017
Moving Cllr	Kaur	Seconding Cllr	Savage

Text of motion as carried

Council notes that the Welfare Reforms have created hardship in Southampton for individuals and families both in work and out, since 2013. Universal Credit, the so-called ‘flagship’ of these reforms, has proven not to be without its issues, especially for the most vulnerable. Since its full rollout in Southampton earlier this year, we have seen individuals wait as long as three months for their first payment, a 22% increase in the use of foodbanks and a rise in rent arrears with private landlords refusing to take families on benefits.

Having already written to the Minister of Work and Pensions expressing our concerns prior to rollout of Universal Credit, Council will continue to work with and support local charities and organisations raising these important issues locally and nationally.

Council supports the national campaign to pause the roll out of Universal Credit, but also calls on Government to commit to fixing the problems raised in places like Southampton, and asks all three Southampton MPs to do the same.

Motion	Tourism	Date	15/11/2017
Moving Cllr	Hecks	Seconding Cllr	J Baillie

Text of amended motion as carried

Council recognises the considerable contribution that tourism makes to the local economy. Southampton is an historic city with many surviving elements of its medieval past, some of which, regrettably, are inaccessible to residents and visitors alike, are deteriorating and are in need of urgent repair and restoration. Of particular concern are the many medieval vaults off High Street, French Street, Simnel Street and Western Esplanade.

Council notes the significant investment the executive has put in place for heritage in recent years. It is pleased by the decision already taken by the executive to undertake a comprehensive review, which is currently in process, of the condition of our entire medieval heritage in order to bring forward a programme of repair and refurbishment with a view to greatly increasing public access to these historic but sadly underused elements our the City’s heritage to the benefit of visitors and residents alike.

In addition, Council is pleased by efforts that have already taken place with partners to re-establish a conveniently located and meaningful Tourist Information Centre to actively promote tourism within the City.

Motion	NJC Pay Claim	Date	15/11/2017
Moving Cllr	Shields	Seconding Cllr	McEwing

Text of motion as carried

This Council notes that:

- NJC basic pay has fallen by 21% since 2010 in real terms
- NJC workers had a three-year pay freeze from 2010-2012
- Local terms and conditions of many NJC employees have also been cut, impacting on their overall earnings
- NJC pay is the lowest in the public sector
- Job evaluated pay structures are being squeezed and distorted by bottom-loaded NJC pay settlements needed to reflect the increased National Living Wage and the Foundation Living Wage
- There are growing equal and fair pay risks resulting from this situation

This Council therefore supports the NJC pay claim for 2018, submitted by UNISON, GMB and Unite on behalf of council and school workers and calls for the immediate end of public sector pay restraint. NJC pay cannot be allowed to fall further behind other parts of the public sector. This council also welcomes the joint review of the NJC pay spine to remedy the turbulence caused by bottom-loaded pay settlements.

This Council also notes the drastic ongoing cuts to local government funding and calls on the Government to provide additional funding to fund a decent pay rise for NJC employees and the pay spine review.

This Council resolves to:

- Call immediately on the LGA to make urgent representations to Government to fund the NJC claim and the pay spine review and notify it of its action in this regard;
- Write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor supporting the NJC pay claim and highlighting that cross-party effort is meeting the need to reduce the council's budget and that pay increases to the level sought requires additional funding;
- Meet with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and the pay spine review.

MOTIONS PASSED IN 2018

Motion	Closure of South Western Arms	Date	21/03/2018
Moving Cllr	Savage	Seconding Cllr	Noon
Text of amended motion as carried			
<p>This council is pleased to note the owners of the South Western Arms have no plans to close the pub however as it is a valued asset to the people of St Denys and beyond, we look forward to working with the community to have the South Western Arms registered as an Asset of Community Value if possible.</p>			
Motion	Increases in recorded crime	Date	21/03/2018
Moving Cllr	Denness	Seconding Cllr	Kaur
Text of motion as carried			
<p>Council believes that worrying recent increases in recorded crime – following a long period of steady decline since the mid 1990s – is a direct result of reductions in police numbers following year-on-year cuts in budgets.</p> <p>Council believes that our police are doing a fantastic job in holding the line against increasing crime levels but we are worried that a dangerous tipping point may now have been reached. Council notes the particular impact of these Policing cuts on Southampton and urges the police and crime commissioner to spend more of his resources in the city.</p> <p>Council, therefore, urges the Leader of the Council to work with other political leaders in Hampshire to lobby the Home Secretary on the issue of the underfunding of Hampshire police. Council notes a particular issue in the city around motorcycle nuisance. It calls on the Executive to work with the Police to bring in affective preventive interventions in relation to this issue on public land.</p>			

Motion	Standing at Southampton Football Stadium	Date	16/05/2018
Moving Cllr	Pope	Seconding Cllr	Shields
Text of motion as carried			
<p>This Council supports standing up for Southampton FC fans and standing up with Saints fans. But since the Taylor Report, and changes to safety regulations, fans are not allowed to stand up at the match.</p> <p>Yet Saints' fans passion means that they do stand at every match in the Itchen and Northam stands. They want to stand. They want to sing. They want to shout. Safe standing allows them to support the team with more passion and to do so safely.</p> <p>This Council supports the national campaign for Safe Standing in the Premier League, and supports Safe Standing at St. Mary's Stadium.</p> <p>This Council agrees to write to the Board of Saints and to the Secretary of State to urge the Government and/or Parliament to change legislation to allow trials in the Premier League and then full installation of rail seats or other safe alternatives.</p>			
Motion	The state of Southampton's roads	Date	18/07/2018
Moving Cllr	Galton	Seconding Cllr	Fuller
Text of amended motion as carried			
<p>The Council acknowledges that the state of Southampton's roads and pavements falls below that expected by many of our residents and that this is an important priority for them.</p> <p>The Council, therefore, warmly welcomes this administration's commitment of over £30.5 million capital investment into the City's road, footway and cycleway maintenance in 2017/18 and current financial year – more than five times the amount invested in 2012/13.</p> <p>The Council supports efforts to improve the pothole standards and we are reviewing its current defect intervention levels, with a view to expanding the criteria of defect repaired within both the 24 hour and 28 day periods. The Council has a clear policy on city and district centre paving to ensure these high footfall areas are repaired more swiftly.</p>			

Motion	70th Birthday of the National Health Service	Date	18/07/2018
Moving Cllr	Bogle	Seconding Cllr	Leggett

Text of motion as carried

This Council celebrates the 70th birthday of our National Health Service and welcomes the ongoing commitment of the thousands of people who work in these important services in the city.

This Council notes the rising pressures from an aging population and many more people living with complex conditions that is impacting both the NHS and adult social care.

This Council also notes that health outcomes and inequalities in the city are not where we would want them to be.

This Council is committed to working in partnership with all providers in the city to innovate and seek to be a centre of best practice for improving health, care and wellbeing in the country.

This Council is committed to embedding health and wellbeing outcomes in all our policies, and will continue to commit to using all its powers through other determinants of health such as employment, housing and the environment to help improve health outcomes.

Motion	Social care finances	Date	19/09/2018
Moving Cllr	Shields	Seconding Cllr	Bogle

Text of motion as carried

This Council is alarmed at the continuing financial crisis facing England’s adult and children’s social care systems which – between them account for over half of discretionary spending for upper tier local authorities like Southampton. This crisis is getting worse as a direct consequence of increased demand for Council-commissioned care services due to an ageing population and the negative impact of welfare reforms on vulnerable working age adults and their families. The problem is further compounded by the year-on-year Government reductions in Council finances since 2010 – with places like Southampton, hit particularly hard.

This Council accepts that local authority social care services up and down the country have reached a tipping point with some County Councils – like Northamptonshire, Somerset and West Sussex – facing bankruptcy. Moreover the social care funding crisis also threatens our valued NHS as we celebrate its 70th anniversary. For too long have governments – of all colours – put off meaningful action to address the chronic underfunding of our social care system and we look forward later this year to receiving a (thrice delayed) Government Green Paper on adult social care. We applaud the Local Government Association initiative in producing its own Green Paper for adult social care and wellbeing ‘The Lives We Want to Lead’ and the local response to this by the City’s Health & Wellbeing Board and other partners

This Council urges the Government to commit to long-term funding for adult social care services along the same lines as for the NHS – i.e. free at the point of need and funded through general taxation. In recognition that a commitment of this magnitude may take time to fully implement, we call on the Government to avert the pending crisis in adult social care (requiring £3.56 billion more by 2025 just to stand still) by ensuring an immediate injection of an extra £2 billion to England’s local authorities in the autumn statement specifically for health and social care. This Council urges the City’s three MPs to make urgent representations to the ministers of state for care and public health (both Hampshire MPs) to ensure that Southampton receives a fair funding deal from Government in order to deliver its statutory care and health responsibilities.

Motion	Domestic violence and Universal Credit	Date	19/09/2018
Moving Cllr	Mitchell	Seconding Cllr	McEwing

Text of motion as carried

This Council notes that Southampton has a relatively high incidence of domestic violence reporting and studies show that once in an unhealthy relationship economic abuse is one of the most common types of abuse faced by the abused partner.

This council believes that the system of paying universal credit to couples via a single household payment, rather than paying benefits to the separate individuals who claim, has the potential to exacerbate this kind of abuse by concentrating power and resources in the hands of a perpetrator.

This council recognizes that this puts individuals at further risk of coercive control and that it may also make it harder for them to leave an abusive relationship knowing they can't put any money aside as a contingency without their abuser noticing.

This council believes that these sorts of barriers for victims of domestic abuse wanting to seek help are unacceptable.

Therefore this council will write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and the Parliamentary Under-secretary of state for crime, safeguarding and vulnerability asking them to rethink this policy and pay non housing elements of universal credit to individual's claimants as standard.

Motion	Green City	Date	19/09/2018
Moving Cllr	Galton	Seconding Cllr	Fitzhenry

Text of amended motion as carried

This Council presents a clear vision, with demonstrable local leadership, to create a clean and green City.

A Labour Council determined to deliver a clean and green city in the quickest possible time working with our partners to produce the most sensible economic and long term sustainable solutions for creating a world class City.

We as a City Council will lead by example ensuring at every opportunity we take the whole City forward together.

This Councils approach and direction is about delivering, exploring and implementing innovative solutions such as:

- Keeping our city moving - by improving the impact of the traffic light system, with an improved ITS strategy.
- Delivering cleaner air through a greener City by protecting and developing our natural estate which covers 20% of the City.
- We are looking at planning policy in how the planning process ensures greener development including eco roofs and walls along with other initiatives to move us forward as our City grows and prospers.
- We are Leading by example by having a cleaner and greener Council fleet and supporting and encouraging businesses to follow our lead
- As a council we are delivering Active Travel Zones ensuring cleaner and safer residential zones where the pedestrian are a higher priority.
- The Access Group are working with businesses and schools along with the University to facilitate a greener modal shift across the City.
- This Administration acknowledges and is supporting our local taxi trade and local bus companies so that they are a leading example of cleaner travel within our City.

Motion	Apprenticeship levy	Date	19/09/2018
Moving Cllr	Keogh	Seconding Cllr	McEwing

Text of motion as carried

Council is concerned about the significant decline in the number of apprentice starts since the introduction of the levy in 2017.

Council requests the appropriate Cabinet Member to write a joint letter signed by the Heads of the City's FE Institutions asking for the Government to start an immediate enquiry into why the levy is failing to deliver and what can be done to increase the quality and quantity of apprenticeship starts.

Motion	Armed Forces Community	Date	21/11/2018
Moving Cllr	McEwing	Seconding Cllr	Fuller

Text of motion as carried

This Council notes:

1. The obligations its owes to the Armed Forces community within Southampton City Council as enshrined in the Armed Forces Covenant; that the Armed Forces community should not face disadvantage in the provision of services and that special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given the most.
2. The absence of definitive and comprehensive statistics on the size or demographics of the Armed Forces community within Southampton City Council. This includes serving Regular and Reserve personnel, veterans, and their families.
3. That the availability of such data would greatly assist the Council, local partner agencies, the voluntary sector, and national Government in the planning and provision of services to address the unique needs of the Armed Forces community within Southampton City Council.

In light of the above, this Council moves to support and promote The Royal British Legion's call to include a new topic in the 2021 census that concerns military service and membership of the Armed Forces community. We further call upon the UK Parliament, which will approve the final census questionnaire through legislation in 2019, to ensure that the 2021 census includes questions concerning our Armed Forces community.

MOTIONS PASSED IN 2019

Motion	Crime rate	Date	20/03/2019
Moving Cllr	Furnell	Seconding Cllr	Shields

Text of motion as carried

This Council notes with alarm the continuing increase in the rate of recorded crime across the country with a rise last year of 12.8%.

This Council is concerned that this disturbing pattern is mirrored in Southampton with the number of crimes recorded in the city last year totalling 31,859 - a 2.3% increase on the figure for 2016/17 (which represented a 9% increase on 2015/16) and representing 20% of all recorded crime across the Hampshire & Isle of Wight police force area.

Of particular concern are the sharp increases in the following categories:

- Serious Knife Crime (up by 28.9% on the previous year)
- Hate Crime (up by 24.7% on the previous year)
- Robbery (up by 23.9% on the previous year)
- Rape (up by 23.8% on the previous year)

This Council notes that between January 2010 and March 2018 the number of neighbourhood police serving the City declined by a third from 87 to 60 and presently the number stands at 47.

This Council, therefore, welcomes the commitment given by the Police & Crime Commissioner to increase the number of frontline police officers by 210 – as justification for an increase in the police precept element of the Council Tax – and fully expects Southampton to receive its fair share of this additional resource.

This Council calls upon the Police & Crime Commissioner to ensure deployment of a further 25 additional neighbourhood police officers over the coming year to boost the number in each of the City's eight neighbourhood teams and to create sufficient capacity to respond in a timely manner to local incidents without depleting existing local services.

Motion	City of Culture	Date	15/05/2019
Moving Cllr	Kaur	Seconding Cllr	Hannides

Text of motion as carried

Council notes the positive economic and social impact made to cities that have successfully bid for City of Culture; this ranges from an inward investment of £2 billion to over 90% engagement from residents in the city of Hull. Council understands and values the impact that arts, culture and heritage can have on the economic and social strength of a city, and the difference a City of Culture bid can make to people's lives. Together Southampton will aim to use the development of the bid as part of the journey to help Southampton reach its full potential, while engaging people from all ages, backgrounds, abilities, races and religions.

Council wishes to build on our, and other stakeholders, investment in arts and culture-led regeneration to use culture to shape and deliver sustainable economic, social, environmental, health and wellbeing outcomes for not only our current communities but also future generations of residents, visitors, artists, innovators and businesses in the decades to come. As part of our civic duty, we jointly commit to co-create with our diverse, talented communities and wider stakeholders a partnership bid from Southampton to become UK City of Culture.

Council calls upon all elected members, stakeholders, partners, and members of our diverse communities to support the creation of Southampton's City of Culture bid for 2025, so we can use this opportunity to work together to generate the creation of a better city for the future.

Motion	Honorary Aldermen	Date	15/05/2019
Moving Cllr	N/A	Seconding Cllr	N/A

Text of motion as carried

That in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the office of Honorary Alderman be conferred on former Councillors Derek Burke and Brian Parnell in recognition of their eminent service to the City and their names be recorded in the Roll of Honorary Aldermen.

Motion	Door mats outside front doors in walk up blocks	Date	17/07/2019
Moving Cllr	Fitzhenry	Seconding Cllr	S Galton

Text of amended motion as carried

This Council welcomes the enormous strides made by the administration in ensuring our council homes are at the highest possible fire safety standards, as recognised by Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Whilst fire safety should always be the top priority, we support the Executive with their current ongoing review towards a more flexible approach that ensures our tenants are safe but also allows them to have pride in their homes and surrounding walk ways. This will include a move to a more flexibly managed approach for the use of door mats by our residents and tenants, in our Council owned blocks.

Motion	Environmental crisis	Date	18/09/2019
Moving Cllr	Hammond	Seconding Cllr	Leggett

Text of motion as carried

Council notes that in 2017, our city became one of the first local authorities in the UK to pass a motion recognising that the world faced an environmental crisis and pledged to become carbon neutral by 2040.

Since then, over 200 councils have followed those trailblazing Councils and passed motions declaring climate emergencies. Council welcomes this movement, reiterates our established view that there is a climate emergency and celebrates action already taken by organisations across Southampton.

Earlier this year, the city council launched its bold and ambitious Green City Charter that goes above and beyond the UK government's targets and commits this council to be carbon neutral by 2030. To reinforce this council's commitment, £60M has already been allocated towards projects that support the ambitions of the Green City Charter. These projects are split across the council including; £36M improving our housing stock to become energy efficient, £9M on reducing road congestion, £8M in improving cycle ways, £3M investment in public transport and £4M on including improving our green spaces and investing in electric vehicles.

Council resolves that there is more to do, but is encouraged by the progress made to date including; reducing its carbon footprint by more than 50%, by the end of the year.

Motion	VE Day	Date	18/09/2019
Moving Cllr	Guthrie	Seconding Cllr	Kaur

Text of motion as carried

This Council notes that the 75th anniversary of VE Day on 8th May 2020 is a time when many other local authorities, not just in Britain but around the world, will be holding their own events to mark the end of the Second World War in Europe.

Southampton played a unique role in the effort to defend the United Kingdom's freedom. As such, this Council commits itself to the organisation of a special event for the VE Day commemoration and will work with local armed forces veterans and charities to remember the sacrifices that finally brought peace to Europe in 1945.

This Council recognises that many of Southampton's residents are proud of their city's struggle to defend their future and will ensure that information on the event is widely distributed and that members are kept updated on its planning in a timely manner.

Motion	Further Education	Date	18/09/2019
Moving Cllr	Keogh	Seconding Cllr	Savage

Text of motion as carried

This Council recognises the extreme difficulties and challenges faced by our three Further Education colleges in this City as a result of the significant cuts to their budgets since 2010 and in particular the impact this has had on our two sixth form colleges. Per student funding for sixth form students has been frozen at £4 000 since 2013 and the rate for those over 18 was cut by 17.5% in 2014 from £4 000 to £3 300.

This Council does recognise and welcomes the recent announcement by the chancellor of £400m of additional funding for further education in England, but this does not go far enough to restore the cuts since 2010 and the detail has yet to be published.

This Council is aware of the recent Area Reviews that have sought to place our Further Education colleges on a more sustainable foundation. This most recent review is recommending a close collaboration between our three Colleges with the potential for a merger.

This Council asks the Leader of the Council to write a joint letter signed by the leader of the opposition and the leader of the Solent LEP to the Secretary of State for Education urging that this closer collaboration and potential merger between the City's three Colleges is given its highest support and any barriers to such a proposal are removed to ensure the young people of Southampton can have access to the very best of institutions and facilities at the Further Education level to allow them to achieve their full potential.

Motion	Safe Nurse Staffing levels	Date	20/11/2019
Moving Cllr	Shields	Seconding Cllr	Spicer

Text of motion as carried

Southampton City Council acknowledges the research carried out locally by the University of Southampton as part of an evidence review for the National Institute of Clinical Excellence and cited in the International Journal of Nursing Studies, relating to the very real and increasing risk of inadequate nurse staffing or skill-mix levels presented to high quality and safe patient care.

The City Council recognises the need for the NHS in England to address concerns of members of the Royal College of Nursing in making safe staffing levels a statutory requirement for all the UK's NHS care providers not least locally, where in June 2019 there were 4,881 vacancies in the Wessex Region which covers the Southampton population. This included 422 vacancies for qualified medical and dental and 2,257 registered nursing and midwifery staff. Specifically there were 40 vacancies for qualified medical and dental staff in NHS organisations based in Southampton (29.7% of the regional total) and 196 registered nursing and midwifery staff vacancies (27.9% of the regional total).

The City Council resolves, therefore, to write to the chair of the Local Government Association's Community Wellbeing Board to secure their support for safer nurse staffing levels given the impact of such shortages on the residents of the city.

Motion	Rising Crime and Falling Police Numbers in Southampton	Date	20/11/2019
Moving Cllr	Hammond	Seconding Cllr	Keogh
Text of motion as carried			
<p>This Council notes the continuing increase in the rate of recorded crime, whilst Hampshire police numbers have fallen over the past 8 years.</p> <p>Council is particularly concerned that since 2010 the number of frontline neighbourhood police officers serving the city has declined by almost half.</p> <p>Council welcomes the promised investment at both a national and local level, but is concerned that the government's recent announcement of additional police officers won't be in post until April 2021.</p> <p>Council likewise welcomed the commitment given by Hampshire's Police & Crime Commissioner to increase the number of frontline police officers in this financial year, but justifiably expects that Southampton as the largest urban area in the county receives its fair share of this additional resource.</p> <p>Council calls on the Police and Crime Commissioner to urgently respond to the written request from the Leader of the Council on 7th August for much needed additional policing on our city's streets.</p>			

MOTIONS PASSED IN 2020

Motion	Emergency Motion - COVID-19 and Council governance	Date	18/03/2020
Moving Cllr	Hammond	Seconding Cllr	Fitzhenry
Text of motion as carried			
<p>The Covid-19 pandemic is the worse seen in generations and requires a civic undertaking not seen since the Second World War. During this time, the Council has a vital role in ensuring that the city has the resilience to cope and to continue providing vital services to our residents.</p> <p>To aid delivery of Council functions, the usual decision-making processes may become impossible or unlawful to carry out. Therefore, Council resolves to temporarily suspend all parts of the Constitution that require formal decision making by elected members in person.</p> <p>Council delegates to the Service Director; Legal and Business Operations and Monitoring Officer, the power to cancel any formal Council, committee or panel meeting as considered appropriate after consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Mayor (only in respect of full Council meetings). Council would use these powers following Government direction or the Director of Public Health’s advice that the Council is advised not to hold public meetings.</p> <p>To ensure continuity and agility when dealing with the pandemic, and in the potential absence of Full Council meetings, further authority is delegated to the Chief Executive, Executive Directors and Service Director; Legal and Business Operations, and Heads of Service in their absence, to exercise all decisions that would ordinarily be decided by members. Decisions would only be valid after consultation with the Leader of the Council and/or the relevant Cabinet Member as appropriate.</p> <p>This would include suspending all financial limits and the Key Decision criteria but does not include setting new strategic policy or Council priorities which have a democratic mandate by the citizens of Southampton.</p>			

Motion	COVID-19 thanks	Date	15/07/2020
Moving Cllr	Fitzhenry	Seconding Cllr	Guthrie
Text of motion as carried			
<p>We would like to thank all our council staff, NHS staff, wider public sector colleagues and all those who have helped us as a city across the public, private and charity/third sector keep our city safe and protect lives during this pandemic.</p> <p>Your efforts have saved lives and kept so many of us safe and we are eternally grateful for your efforts and your commitment.</p> <p>Whilst we as politicians frequently disagree with one another, we are united in our wish to thank you and protect our residents and businesses.</p> <p>Our city is a great city, its spirit is strong and whilst the impacts of this disease will affect us in difficult ways, we will move forward and create a better Southampton for the future.</p>			

Motion	Former Civil Service Sports Ground	Date	15/07/2020
Moving Cllr	S Galton	Seconding Cllr	G Galton
Text of amended motion as carried			
<p>This Council notes the overwhelming public desire for at least some unrestricted access to the former Civil Service Sports Ground.</p> <p>Council recognises the recent deputation from the Friends of the Field group asking for the same.</p> <p>Council takes on board the majority of public comments to the pre-consultation and formal planning application process, asking for unrestrictive access.</p> <p>Council acknowledges the supportive comments made during the planning meeting itself by a number of cross party Councillors and that the Chair made it clear they were only there to decide on the application before them, not create policy.</p> <p>Council recognises the previous legal advice that has been provided to members. The main concern being any additional activities like dog walking or infrastructure such as bins and benches; do not interfere with the primary use of pitches for team games and recreational play.</p> <p>Council further recognises the current legal restrictions on the former Civil Service Sports Ground site resulting from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the conditions of the compulsory planning order (CPO) made by the Council in 2009 which designates the entirety of the site acquired for the purposes of a school playing field b. the change in planning use designation of the site in 2010 from private open space to school playing field. <p>As such Council resolves to request the administration ensure the Council's development plans for the site are reviewed to include a legally accessible pocket park, or other area of public accessible land, adjacent to wider contained school development site, but separate from the main school site e.g. through lawful acquisition of any neighbouring vacant land.</p>			

Motion	Holiday Hunger	Date	18/11/2020
Moving Cllr	Margetts	Seconding Cllr	Fielker

Text of motion as carried

The Southampton City Council calls on the UK government to join with us to end holiday hunger. We call on the government to commit to fully fund holiday food provision for every child on free school meals in Southampton for the next three years. Further, we call on the government to support the development of a longer-term plan to ensure that every child in Southampton is food secure.

We call on the government to develop and fund a long-term approach so that all children are well fed throughout the year, including during school holidays.

We welcome the recent u-turn by the government to fund holiday food provision. We regret that this decision came after the recent October half term holiday, that put our children at risk of hunger. During the recent half term break in October Southampton City Council, together with local community groups, restaurants and other groups, stepped up to ensure every child on free school meals in the city had access to food during the holiday. The people of Southampton showed that they will not stand by while children go hungry, but this ad hoc approach is not a sustainable way to ensure food security for all our children.

Now is the time to address long term food insecurity in Southampton. Over 9000 children now depend on free school meals, and family use of food banks has been rising sharply over recent years. This will only get worse as the effects of Covid-19 on job losses and loss of family income increase. Food security is a fundamental human right, no child should go to bed hungry. This is bad for them in the short and long term and our children deserve the best possible start in life.

Motion	Local Election (May 2021)	Date	18/11/2020
Moving Cllr	Hammond	Seconding Cllr	Rayment

Text of motion as carried

This Council recognises that the democratic process is sacrosanct, and elections held in Southampton must be free, fair and easy to participate in.

The upcoming local election (May 2021) will be like no other. Set during the worst global pandemic in nearly 100 years, it will require changes to proceed safely. Council believes that our residents must be able to safely participate in our local democracy.

Although we recognise that there are different ways to vote, the most convenient way is to register for a postal vote and vote at home. Whilst we do publicise this option, it is not widely known that Postal Voting is available to anyone who requests it and take-up is currently 15% of the electorate.

Council resolves that it enhances its publicity around postal voting and continues its work with the Electoral Commission on the national campaign to raise awareness.