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SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008

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Present:

The Mayor, Councillor Parnell  
The Sheriff, Councillor Mizon  
Councillors Baillie, Ball, Barnes–Andrews, Baston, Beckett, Mrs Blatchford, Bogle, Burke, Capozzoli, Cooke, Cunio, Mrs Damani, Daunt, Davis, Dean, Dick, Drake, Fitzgerald, Fitzhenry, Fuller, Galton, Hannides, Holmes, Jones, Letts, Marsh-Jenks, Matthews, McEwing, Moulton, Norris, Odgers, Osmond, Payne, Rayment, Samuels, Slade, Smith, Sollitt, Stevens, Thomas, Walker, Wells, Whiskerd, White, P. Williams and Dr R. Williams.

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

RESOLVED upon the motion of Councillor Moulton, seconded by Councillor R Williams and supported by Councillor Baston, that Councillor Parnell be elected to the Office of 786<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Southampton and Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

The Mayor (Councillor Parnell) then made and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR PARNELL) IN THE CHAIR**

2. MAYOR'S CHARITIES

The Mayor announced that he would be supporting Dreamwall and Southampton Street Pastors as charities during his term of office.

3. APPOINTMENT OF SHERIFF

RESOLVED upon the motion of Councillor Baston, seconded by Councillor Hannides and supported by Councillor Rayment, that Councillor Mizon be appointed the 571<sup>st</sup> Sheriff of the City of Southampton and Vice-Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

The Sheriff (Councillor Mizon) then made and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

RESOLVED upon the motion of Councillor R. Williams, seconded by Councillor Smith and supported by Councillor Sollitt, that the Council places on record its appreciation for the distinguished manner in

which Councillor Barnes-Andrews had discharged the duties of the Mayor of the City during the period of his term of office.

5. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY RECORDER

RESOLVED upon the motion of Councillor Samuels, seconded by Councillor Payne and supported by Councillor Baston, that Judge Derwin Hope be appointed Honorary Recorder.

The Honorary Recorder (Judge Derwin Hope) then made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

6. CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON AWARDS

RESOLVED upon the motion of the Mayor (Councillor Parnell) and seconded by the Sheriff (Councillor Mizon) that the City of Southampton Award be presented to Norman Kemish and Ann Newell.

**AT THE RECONVENED MEETING OF THE SOUTHAMPTON CITY  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE  
ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2008**

7. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

8. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008 be approved and signed as a correct record.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND THE LEADER

1. Meeting Protocol

- . The Mayor thanked all Members for their support in electing him as Mayor and outlined how meetings would be run during his tenure as Chair.

Members wishing to speak should indicate clearly. The background noise should be kept to a minimum and only one person should speak at a time. All speakers should speak through the Chair and there should be no reading newspapers during the debates. Mobile phones should be switched off and the fining regime would continue to be imposed.

A short comfort break would normally be held at approximately 4:00pm but for longer meetings a large break at around 5:30pm would be made.

2. Local Government Chronicle & Health Services Journal Sustainable Communities Awards 2008

The Mayor announced that the Waste & Fleet Transport Division were successful in winning the national LGC/HSJ Award for 'Protecting our Natural Resources' at a gala event in London. The Award celebrates the communication, consultation and outreach work of the division which is undertaken in partnership with residents, schools and new/established communities to protect our natural environment and resources by recycling better and recycling more. This was the third national award achieved by the division over the past 12 months.

3. APSE Award 2007

The Mayor announced that in December 2007, Fleet Transport won the prestigious 'Most Improved Performer' Award at the Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE) national award ceremony held in Blackpool.

In addition, the service was runner up in the 'Best Overall Performer' category, confirming its position as one of the best Local Authority Transport Operations in the Country, within the APSE Performance Network Framework.

10. CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2008

The report of the Returning Officer was noted concerning the results of the City Council Elections held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

11. ELECTION OF THE LEADER

The nomination of Councillor Samuels was moved and seconded.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE IT WAS:

RESOLVED that Councillor Samuels be elected as Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

Following his election as Leader, Councillor Samuels informed the Council of his Cabinet and their Portfolio responsibilities.

Adult Social Care and Health – Councillor White  
Children's Services – Councillor Baillie  
Economic Development – Councillor Smith  
Environment and Transport – Councillor Dick  
Housing and Local Services – Councillor P Williams  
Leisure, Culture and Heritage – Councillor Hannides  
Resources and Workforce Planning – Councillor Moulton  
Young People and Skills – Councillor Matthews

The Leader then distributed details of the contents of each of the Portfolios, which would be incorporated into the scheme of Executive Delegation in the Constitution.

## 12. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

The report of the Solicitor to the Council was submitted seeking approval for changes to the City Council's Constitution (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

### RESOLVED

- (i) that the changes to the Constitution as set out in the report be approved;
- (ii) that the establishment of a Joint Officer Member Working Group with the Terms of Reference and composition as set out in paragraphs 22-26 of the report to consider and make recommendations in relation to various aspects of governance (City, Council, Partnership and Neighbourhood) taking account of the impact and implications of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 be approved;
- (iii) that the Solicitor to the Council be authorised to finalise the arrangements as approved by Full Council and make any further consequential or minor changes arising from the decision(s) of Full Council; and
- (iv) that the City Council's Constitution, as amended, including the Officer Scheme of Delegation for the municipal year 2008/09 be reaffirmed and approved.

## 13. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

### a) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

RESOLVED that subject to certain decisions that may from time to time be made by the Council, the following Committees, Sub-Committees and other bodies be appointed with the allocation of seats to political groups shown therein and they be delegated authority to act within their terms of reference: -

<b>Political Group</b>	<b>Seats on Council</b>	<b>%</b>
Conservatives	26	54.17
Labour	14	29.17
Liberal Democrats	8	16.67

<b>Committees</b>	<b>Con</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Lib Dem</b>	<b>Number of Seats to Groups</b>
Overview and Scrutiny Management (10)	5 (5.41) Cllr Cooke Cllr Dean Cllr Ball Cllr Fitzhenry Cllr Fuller	3 (2.91) Cllr Williams Cllr Rayment Cllr Letts	2 (1.67) Cllr Baston Cllr Drake	10
Planning and Rights of Way (6)	3 (3.25) Cllr Dean Cllr Norris Cllr Cooke	2 (1.75) Cllr Cunio Cllr Blatchford	1 (1) Cllr Davis	6
Employment and Appeals Panel (5)	3 (2.70) Cllr Norris Cllr Fitzgerald Cllr Fitzhenry	1 (1.45) Cllr Marsh- Jenks	1 (0.83) Cllr Davis	5
Chief Officer Employment Panel (5)	3 (2.70) Cllr Samuels Cllr Smith Cllr Moulton	1 (1.45) Cllr Williams	1 (0.83) Cllr Baston	5
Licensing Committee (13)	7 (7.04) Cllr Odgers Cllr Whiskerd Cllr Fuller Cllr Walker Cllr Holmes Cllr Norris Cllr Cooke	4 (3.80) Cllr Blatchford Cllr Cunio Cllr Letts Cllr Thomas	2 (2.17) Cllr Galton Cllr Drake	13
<b>Sub-Committees</b>	<b>Con</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Lib Dem</b>	
Environment and Sustainability SP (6)	3 (3.25) Cllr Dean Cllr Walker Cllr Whiskerd	2 (1.75) Cllr Thomas Cllr Letts	1 (1) Cllr Galton	6
Children and Young People SP (6)	3 (3.25) Cllr Capozzoli Cllr Fitzhenry Cllr Walker	2 (1.75) Cllr Stevens Cllr Cunio	1 (1) Cllr Beckett	6
Healthy City SP (6)	3 (3.25) Cllr Cooke Cllr Odgers Cllr Osmond	2 (1.75) Cllr Rayment Cllr McEwing	1 (1) Cllr Drake	6

Safer Communities SP (6)	3 (3.25) Cllr Fitzgerald Cllr Norris Cllr Cooke	2 (1.75) Cllr Payne Cllr Damani	1 (1) Cllr Mizon	6
Economic Well Being SP (6)	3 (3.25) Cllr Ball Cllr Fuller Cllr Wells	2 (1.75) Cllr Burke Cllr Bogle	1 (1) Cllr Sollitt	6
Audit Committee (8)	5 (4.33) Cllr Ball Cllr Fuller Cllr Wells Cllr Daunt Cllr Fitzhenry	2 (2.33) Cllr Barnes-Andrews Cllr Bogle	1 (1.33) Cllr Beckett	8
Licensing General Sub-Committee (6) (Membership must come from membership of Licensing Committee)	3 (3.25) Cllr Norris Cllr Cooke Cllr Fuller	2 (1.75) Cllr Blatchford Cllr Cunio	1 (1) Cllr Galton	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>83</b>

**2. Appointment to Committees / Sub-Committee and other Bodies NOT subject to political proportionality.**

<b>Committee/Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	<b>Number of Seats to Groups</b>
Standards and Governance ((10) including the Mayor and 3 independent members)	2 Cllr Cooke Vacancy	2 Cllr Burke Cllr Barnes-Andrews	2 Cllr Slade Cllr Mizon	6
Assessment Sub - Committee (4) 1 Independent (Chair) plus 3 Members appointed from S&G	1 Cllr Cooke	1 Cllr Burke	1 Cllr Mizon	3
Assessment Appeals Sub - Committee (4) 1 Independent (Chair) plus 3 Members appointed from S&G	1 Cllr Parnell	1 Cllr Barnes-Andrews	1 Cllr Slade	3

Local Determinations Hearing Panel (5) 2 Independent (1 as Chair) plus 3 Members from S&G	1 Cllr Cooke	1 Cllr Burke	1 Cllr Mizon	3
Licensing and Gambling Sub-Committee (3) (Any 3 Members drawn from the Licensing Committee membership on rotation basis)	1	1	1	3
<b>Other bodies</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority (3)	1 Cllr Smith	1 Cllr Marsh -Jenks	1 Cllr Galton	3
Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton Strategic Planning Joint Advisory Panel (5) <i>(City Council's entitlement is 5 Members. However, last year this Authority decided only to appoint 3)</i>	1 Cllr Samuels	1 Cllr Letts	1 Cllr Slade	3
South East Employers (3 + 3)	1+Deputy Cllr Moulton Cllr Matthews (deputy)	1+Deputy Cllr McEwing Cllr Thomas (deputy)	1+Deputy Cllr Davis Cllr Drake (deputy)	6
South East Employers Scrutiny Network (2)		1 Vacancy	1 Vacancy	2
*Police Joint Appointing Committee (Police Authority) (1) <i>(Overall proportionality is calculated across the County. This requires a Labour appointment)</i>		1 Cllr Rayment		1

Partnership for Urban Southampton – Overview and Scrutiny Committee (1)			1 Cllr Baston	1
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\*N.B This is a Joint Committee between Portsmouth, Southampton, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Councils that makes appointments when required to the Police Authority. Appointment is based on political proportionality within the Police Region.

b) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED that the appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair be deferred until the first meetings of the Committees and Panels.

14. CALENDAR OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council considered the dates for meetings of the Council for the 2008/09 municipal year and agreed the dates as follows:

16<sup>th</sup> July 2008  
17<sup>th</sup> September 2008  
19<sup>th</sup> November 2008  
21<sup>st</sup> January 2009  
18<sup>th</sup> February 2009  
18<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
13<sup>th</sup> May 2009

15. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

It was noted that no requests for deputations, petitions or public questions had been received.

16. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The report of the Leader was submitted setting out the details of the business undertaken by the Executive (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

It was noted that no questions had been submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.1.

17. MOTIONS

It was noted that no motions had been received.

18. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO THE CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES OR THE MAYOR

It was noted that no questions had been received.



19. CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2008/09

The report of the Head of Corporate Policy and Performance was received seeking approval for the Council's Corporate Improvement Plan (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

AMENDMENT MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MOULTON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SMITH

Add:

(iii) To delete the following items as commitments within the draft 2008/9 Corporate Improvement Plan:-

- Benefits Take Up Campaign.
- Seeking to establish a Gypsy and Traveller site at Monks Brook

(iv) To review the timing and amend the wording as necessary of the capital budget initiatives shown as commitments within the draft Corporate Improvement plan as well as the following revenue initiatives:

- Introduce a new cross council enforcement co-ordination team including ASB, alcohol and development control.
- Additional part time post to help process Section 106 agreements for small housing developments.

Amend the numbering of second recommendation (ii) to recommendation (v)

Amended Recommendations to read:

(i) To note the proposed response to the comments received from overview and scrutiny panels on the CIP Key Issues papers as set out in Appendix 1.

(ii) To approve the draft 2008/9 Corporate Improvement Plan.

(iii) To delete the following items as commitments within the draft 2008/9 Corporate Improvement Plan:-

- Benefits Take Up Campaign.
- Seeking to establish a Gypsy and Traveller site at Monks Brook

(iv) To review the timing and amend the wording as necessary of the capital budget initiatives shown as commitments within the draft Corporate Improvement Plan as well as the following revenue initiatives:

- Introduce a new cross council enforcement co-ordination team including ASB, alcohol and development control.
- Additional part time post to help process Section 106 agreements for small housing developments.

(v) To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to amend the draft plan following consultation with appropriate members, to incorporate any changes made at Full Council, to reflect the finalisation of the 2007/8 financial and performance data as well as the results of the current LAA

and National Performance Indicator negotiations, prior to the publication of the plan by the statutory deadline of the end of June.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE, THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED CARRIED

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RESOLVED

- (i) that the proposed response to the comments received from overview and scrutiny panels on the CIP Key Issues papers as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be noted.
- (ii) that the draft 2008/9 Corporate Improvement Plan be approved.
- (iii) That the following items as commitments within the draft 2008/9 Corporate Improvement Plan be deleted:-
  - Benefits Take Up Campaign.
  - Seeking to establish a Gypsy and Traveller site at Monks Brook
- (iv) That the timing of the capital budget initiatives shown as commitments within the draft Corporate Improvement Plan as well as the following revenue initiatives be reviewed and the wording amended as necessary:
  - Introduce a new cross council enforcement co-ordination team including ASB, alcohol and development control.
  - Additional part time post to help process Section 106 agreements for small housing developments.
- (v) that the Chief Executive be delegated authority to amend the draft plan following consultation with appropriate members, to incorporate any changes made at Full Council, to reflect the finalisation of the 2007/8 financial and performance data as well as the results of the current LAA and National Performance Indicator negotiations, prior to the publication of the plan by the statutory deadline of the end of June.

20. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – CONFIDENTIAL APPENDIX AND ADDENDUM TO ITEM 21

RESOLVED that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of Appendix 1 and Addendum to Agenda Item 18 by virtue of Category 3 (Information relating to the financial or

business affairs of any particular person including the Authority) of paragraph 10.4 of the above Rules. It is not considered to be in the public interest to disclose this because publication of this information could influence bids received for property which may be to the Council's financial detriment.

21. PURCHASE OF FREEHOLD OF 164 - 176 ABOVE BAR STREET

The report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources was submitted requesting Full Council to add this scheme to the Economic Development & Regeneration Capital Programme and to fund through unsupported borrowing and the use of corporate resources (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED

- (i) that the purchase of 164-176 Above Bar Street be added to the Economic Development & Regeneration capital programme, to be funded from unsupported borrowing and corporate resources; and
- (ii) that delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director for Resources, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finances and Resources, to agree the most appropriate mix of funding, between unsupported borrowing and the use of available corporate capital resources, to finance the purchase.

22. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BUSINESS

a) SUMMARY OF CALL-IN ACTIVITY

It was noted that there had not been any use of the call-in procedure over the last three months.

b) OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT

The report of the Head of Corporate Policy and Performance was noted providing a summary of the main activities undertaken during the year and outlining the proposed Overview and Scrutiny Structures for 2008/09 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).