

COUNCIL

Wednesday, 16th March, 2011
at 2.00 pm

PLEASE NOTE TIME

Council Chamber, Civic Centre

Members of the Council

The Mayor – Chair

The Sheriff – Vice-chair

Leader of the Council

Members of the Council (See overleaf)

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Bassett	Hannides Harris Samuels	Peartree	Drake Jones Slade
Bevois	Barnes-Andrews Burke Rayment	Portswood	Capozzoli Sollitt Vinson
Bitterne	Fuller Letts Stevens	Redbridge	Holmes Marsh-Jenks McEwing
Bitterne Park	Baillie P Williams White	Shirley	Matthews Dean Mead
Coxford	Morrell Thomas Walker	Sholing	Dick Fitzgerald Kolker
Freemantle	Ball Moulton Parnell	Swaythling	Odgers Osmond Turner
Harefield	Daunt Fitzhenry Smith	Woolston	Cunio Payne Dr R Williams

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Role of the Council

The Council comprises all 48 Councillors. The Council normally meets six times a year including the annual meeting, at which the Mayor and the Council Leader are elected and committees and sub-committees are appointed, and the budget meeting, at which the Council Tax is set for the following year.

The Council approves the policy framework, which is a series of plans and strategies recommended by the Executive, which set out the key policies and programmes for the main services provided by the Council.

It receives a summary report of decisions made by the Executive, and reports on specific issues raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

The Council also considers questions and motions submitted by Council Members on matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which affect the City.

Public Involvement

Representations

At the discretion of the Mayor, members of the public may address the Council on any report included on the agenda in which they have a relevant interest.

Petitions

At a meeting of the Council any Member or member of the public may present a petition which is submitted in accordance with the Council's scheme for handling petitions.

Petitions containing more than 1,500 signatures (qualifying) will be debated at a Council meeting. Petitions with less than 1,500 signatories (non-qualifying) shall be presented to the Council meeting and be received without discussion.

Deputations

A deputation of up to three people can apply to address the Council. A deputation may include the presentation of a petition.

Questions

People who live or work in the City may ask questions of the Mayor, Chairs of Committees and Members of the Executive.

Southampton City Council's Six Priorities

- Providing good value, high quality services
- Getting the City working
- Investing in education and training
- Keeping people safe
- Keeping the City clean and green
- Looking after people

Smoking policy – The Council operates a no-smoking policy in all civic buildings.

Mobile Telephones – Please turn off your mobile telephone whilst in the meeting.

Fire Procedure – In the event of a fire or other emergency, a continuous alarm will sound and you will be advised by Council officers what action to take.

Access – Access is available for disabled people. Please contact the Council Administrator who will help to make any necessary arrangements.

Dates of Meetings

2010	2011
12 May	16 February
14 July	16 March
15 September (SPECIAL)	18 May
15 September	
17 November	

CONDUCT OF MEETING

FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

The functions of the Council are set out in Article 4 of Part 2 of the Constitution

RULES OF PROCEDURE

The meeting is governed by the Council Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution.

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

Only those items listed on the attached agenda may be considered at this meeting.

QUORUM

The minimum number of appointed Members required to be in attendance to hold the meeting is 16.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members are required to disclose, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, **both** the existence **and** nature of any "personal" or "prejudicial" interests they may have in relation to matters for consideration on this Agenda.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

A Member must regard himself or herself as having a personal interest in any matter:

- (i) if the matter relates to an interest in the Member's register of interests; or
- (ii) if a decision upon a matter might reasonably be regarded as affecting to a greater extent than other Council Tax payers, ratepayers and inhabitants of the District, the wellbeing or financial position of himself or herself, a relative or a friend or:-
 - (a) any employment or business carried on by such person;
 - (b) any person who employs or has appointed such a person, any firm in which such a person is a partner, or any company of which such a person is a director;
 - (c) any corporate body in which such a person has a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £5,000; or
 - (d) any body listed in Article 14(a) to (e) in which such a person holds a position of general control or management.

A Member must disclose a personal interest.

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PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

Having identified a personal interest, a Member must consider whether a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably think that the interest was so significant and particular that it could prejudice that Member's judgement of the public interest. If that is the case, the interest must be regarded as "prejudicial" and the Member must disclose the interest and withdraw from the meeting room during discussion on the item.

It should be noted that a prejudicial interest may apply to part or the whole of an item.

Where there are a series of inter-related financial or resource matters, with a limited resource available, under consideration a prejudicial interest in one matter relating to that resource may lead to a member being excluded from considering the other matters relating to that same limited resource.

There are some limited exceptions.

Note: Members are encouraged to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer or his staff in Democratic Services if they have any problems or concerns in relation to the above.

PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

All decisions of the Council will be made in accordance with the following principles:-

- proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);
- due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;
- respect for human rights;
- a presumption in favour of openness, accountability and transparency;
- setting out what options have been considered;
- setting out reasons for the decision; and
- clarity of aims and desired outcomes.

In exercising discretion, the decision maker must:

- understand the law that regulates the decision making power and gives effect to it. The decision-maker must direct itself properly in law;
- take into account all relevant matters (those matters which the law requires the authority as a matter of legal obligation to take into account);
- leave out of account irrelevant considerations;
- act for a proper purpose, exercising its powers for the public good;
- not reach a decision which no authority acting reasonably could reach, (also known as the "rationality" or "taking leave of your senses" principle);
- comply with the rule that local government finance is to be conducted on an annual basis. Save to the extent authorised by Parliament, 'live now, pay later' and forward funding are unlawful; and
- act with procedural propriety in accordance with the rules of fairness.

SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL
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Tuesday, 8 March 2011

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the COUNCIL to be held on WEDNESDAY, 16TH MARCH, 2011 in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE at 2.00 pm when the following business is proposed to be transacted:-

1 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

2 MINUTES

To authorise the signing of the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 November 2010 and 16 February 2011, attached.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

Matters especially brought forward by the Mayor and the Leader.

4 DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To receive any requests for Deputations, Presentation of Petitions or Public Questions.

5 EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Report of the Leader of the Council, attached.

6 MOTIONS

A) Councillor R Williams to move:-

Full Council notes that the LGPS is a sustainable, good quality pension scheme that benefits from being funded and locally managed. It is valuable to employers and employees alike. Successive governments have failed to recognise the distinctiveness of the LGPS in setting policy, most notably in the proposal announced by the Chancellor in the last CSR to impose an extra 3.2% contribution tax on scheme members, increasing scheme average member contributions from 6.6% to 9.8%. This tax does not benefit the scheme or scheme members or employers. This proposal is in addition to pension reductions caused by being indexed against CPI instead of RPI and is in advance of expected benefit reform recommendations from the Hutton Review.

Full Council agrees that an increase in member contributions as proposed will lead to mass opt outs from the LGPS and that would be undesirable and damaging. The views expressed by the LGA in its letter to the Chancellor dated 16 February 2011 on this subject are also the views of this Council.

Full Council therefore resolves that the Council will write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Chief Secretary to the Treasury and the Secretary of State for Local Government within the next month stating this Council's support for the LGA letter referred to above and calling for government to rethink its proposed increases to LGPS member contributions. The Council will work with Trade Unions to ensure employees are made aware of the proposals for the LGPS and encouraging them to support the Council's representations to defend their pension scheme.

B) Councillor P Williams to move:-

This Council welcomes the news that Prince William is to marry Kate Middleton on 29th April. The Council notes the following:

- The 9 day celebrations give a real opportunity to promote a sense of community and build a sense of pride.
- Under the previous Government local residents faced a cost of between £75 and £3000 for putting on street events.
- Southampton City Council provides free Public Liability Insurance for residents wanting to hold events; and
- the assistance to residents & traders with the setting up of street parties and events

“As part of its drive to promoting a bigger society the City Council urges all Councillors to act in their roles as community champions to promote and facilitate where possible the celebrations within the City.”

C) Councillor Smith to move:-

That the Council notes that Her Majesty The Queen has agreed that competitions may be held for a grant of Lord Mayoralty to mark Her Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Lord Mayoralty is an exceptional distinction conferred on the Mayoralties of a few, usually long established and important cities. Existing local authority cities are welcome to enter the competition by the closing date of 27 May 2011, and that this Council accordingly resolves to submit a bid of behalf of the City of Southampton.

D) Councillor Dean to move:-

That Council acknowledges that the Highway Partnership with Balfour Beatty Workplace entered on the 4th October last year has already demonstrated tangible benefits across the City.

Council notes :-

- the contractual commitment to deliver over £10m of savings over the lifetime of the contract;
- a substantial reduction in the number of outstanding highway defects; and
- the successful completion of a number of high profile road schemes such as;
 - o Lodge Road;
 - o Crest Way; and
 - o Shirley Road.

Council notes the commitment to:

- reinvest the savings from the Highways Partnership into the network;
- the increasing professionalism of the Council and Balfour Beatty Workplace to developing partnerships with utility companies;
- an improved resilience over the winter period with increased investment in gritting vehicles, new grit bins and additional salt stocks, leading to the Councils signing of the Winter Service Compact;
- improved communication with residents and business representatives across the City pertaining to highways issues; and
- Council notes the **additional** £1m investment in the City's pavements which will result in over 40 linear miles of improved footway over and above the existing published Highways Capital programme. This is the largest single investment in pavements since the construction of our council estates in the 1950s.

Council notes that the contract is less than six months old but already provides opportunities for the local authority to invest prudently in schemes that will provide a real tangible benefit for the citizens of Southampton.

E) Councillor Vinson to move:-

This Council urges the Cabinet, in discussion for Southampton's two universities, to adopt a threshold for the numbers of students living in private accommodation in the community and to link through the planning process future expansion in student numbers to the provision of additional purpose-built accommodation along the lines in force in Oxford.

F) Councillor Turner to move:-

Council is concerned at commercial companies mounting promotions giving out free alcohol samples to young people in the City Centre which is part of the designated alcohol free zone and asks the Licensing Committee to investigate and if necessary bring forward proposals for regulating such promotions

7 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO THE CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES OR THE MAYOR

To consider any question of which notice has been given under Council Procedure Rule 11.2.

8 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

To deal with any appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees or other bodies as required.

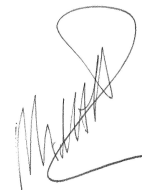
9 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3

Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport seeking approval and adoption of the Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) for Southampton, attached.

10 ADOPTION OF THE SAFE CITY PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2011/12

Report of the Cabinet Member for Local Services and Community Safety seeking approval for the Safe City Partnership Plan 2011/12, attached.

NOTE: There will be prayers by a representative of the Islamic faith and a Thought for the Day by Monsignor Vincent Harvey in the Mayor's Reception Room at 1.45 pm for Members of the Council and Officers who wish to attend.



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