

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 18th May, 2011
at 11.00 am in the
Guildhall, Civic Centre;
and
2.00 pm in the Council
Chamber, Civic Centre

PLEASE NOTE TIMES

This meeting is open to the public

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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WARD	COUNCILLOR	WARD	COUNCILLOR
Bargate	Bogle Noon Willacy	Millbrook	Furnell Thorpe Wells
Bassett	Hannides B Harris L Harris	Peartree	Drake Jones Paffey
Bevois	Barnes-Andrews Burke Rayment	Portswood	Capozzoli Claisse Vinson
Bitterne	Fuller Letts Stevens	Redbridge	Holmes McEwing Pope
Bitterne Park	Baillie P Williams White	Shirley	Kaur Matthews Mead
Coxford	Morrell Thomas Walker	Sholing	Mrs Blatchford Fitzgerald Kolker
Freemantle	Ball Moulton Parnell	Swaythling	Osmond Turner Vassiliou
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

Any Councillor may present a petition, on behalf of the signatories, about issues relating to Southampton. If you have such a petition you need to ask a Councillor to present it to the meeting.

The following opportunities also exist for the public to raise matters at Council meetings, but seven clear days' notice must be given before the meeting.

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 (Municipal Year 2011/12)

2011	2012
18 May	15 February
13 July	14 March
14 September	16 May
16 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.

Director of Corporate Services
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Tuesday, 10 May 2011

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Meeting of the COUNCIL to be held on WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY, 2011 in the GUILDHALL, CIVIC CENTRE at 11.00 am at which meeting the business set out in items 1 and 2 are proposed to be transacted, and in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE following the Special Meeting in the afternoon at 2.00 pm when the business set out in items 3 onwards are proposed to be transacted:-

1 TO ELECT A MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

2 TO ELECT A SHERIFF FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

3 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

4 MINUTES

To authorise the signing of the minutes of the Council Meetings held on 16th March and 6th April 2011, attached.

5 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Matters especially brought forward by the Mayor.

6 ELECTION OF THE LEADER

To elect a Leader of the Council for the ensuing year. Following the election the Leader will announce membership of the Cabinet.

7 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

a APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

The Leader to move that, subject to alterations as may from time to time be made by the Council, the necessary Committees, Sub-Committees and other bodies and external organisations be appointed by the Council with the number and allocation of seats to political groups as set out in a schedule to be tabled at the meeting.

b APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

To appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair to each of the Committees and Sub-Committees appointed by the Council.

8 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

To approve the following dates for meetings of the Council in the 2011/12 Municipal Year:

13th July 2011
14th September 2011
16th November 2011
15th February 2012 (Budget)
14th March 2012
16th May 2012

9 DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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

10 EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Report of the Leader of the Council, attached.

11 MOTIONS

A) 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 fee zone and asks the Licensing Committee to investigate and if necessary bring forward proposals for regulating such promotions.

B) Councillor Vinson to move:-

Full Council calls upon the Executive to reconsider and reverse their decision to dispose by way of a 1000 year lease of Westridge Road Car Park in Portswood District Centre to facilitate a further supermarket as this will have an adverse effect on the diversity and vitality of Portswood District Centre and on the surrounding neighbourhoods

12 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.

13 CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

Report of the Director of Corporate Services, seeking approval for changes to the City Council's Constitution, attached.

14 ANNUAL STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE BUSINESS REVIEW

Report of the Chair of the Standards and Governance Committee giving an overview of the work of the Standards and Governance Committee from May 2010 to April 2011, attached.

15 CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2011

Report of the Returning Officer detailing the results of the City Council elections on 5th May 2011 and the referendum on the alternative vote, attached.

16 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BUSINESS

a OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY: SUMMARY OF CALL-IN ACTIVITY

Report of the Director of Economic Development summarising the use of the Call-In procedure over the last six months, attached

b OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11

Report of the Director of Economic Development detailing the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee Annual Report 2010/11 in accordance with the Council's Constitution, attached.

NOTE: There will be prayers by the Reverend Dr Julian Davies, Church of England, in the Mayor's Reception Room at 1.45 pm for Members of the Council and Officers who wish to attend.



M R HEATH
Director of Corporate Services

Agenda Item 4

To authorise the signing of the minutes of the Council Meetings held on;

- 16th March 2011 (Appendix 1); and
- 6th April 2011 (Appendix 2)

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SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
16 MARCH 2011

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor Cunio
The Sheriff, Councillor Matthews
Councillors Baillie, Ball, Barnes-Andrews, Bogle, Capozzoli, Mrs Damani, Daunt, Dean, Dick, Drake, Fitzgerald, Fitzhenry, Fuller, Furnell, Hannides, Harris, Holmes, Jones, Kolker, Letts, Marsh-Jenks, Mead, McEwing, Morrell, Moulton, Norris, Odgers, Osmond, Parnell, Payne, Rayment, Samuels, Slade, Smith, Sollitt, Stevens, Vinson, Turner, Walker, Wells, White, Willacy, P Williams and Dr R Williams

70. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Burke and Thomas.

71. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council Meetings held on 17th November 2010 and 16th February 2011 be approved and signed as correct records.

72. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

1. Departures

The Mayor announced that the following officers would be leaving the Council's employ in the coming weeks and thanked them on behalf of the Councillors for their contribution to the City:-

Rob Carr, Interim Executive Director for Resources to take up the post of Assistant County Treasurer at Hampshire County Council after a total of 24 years service to the City;

John Hounsom, Town Sergeant - retirement after 24 years of service to the City;

Keith Turner, Senior Democratic Support Officer - retirement after 27 years of service to the City;

Chief Superintendent Matthew Greening, the current Southampton OCU, would be leaving the City to take up a post at Police Headquarters.

2. Japan and New Zealand

The Mayor took the opportunity to express the City's concerns regarding the tragic events that had occurred in Japan and New Zealand.

The Mayor would be writing to send the City's condolences to the people of both countries.

3. World Book Day

The Mayor announced the success of World Book Day held on 5th March 2011 where one million books were given away in the UK and Ireland to members of the public comprising of 40,000 copies of 25 titles by 20,000 'givers'. In Southampton 70 book givers distributed 48 copies of their chosen title at various locations in the City.

4. Special Council

The Mayor announced that there would be a Special meeting of the Council on Wednesday 6th April 2011 at 6 00pm.

73. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

1. The Council received a deputation from Eloisa Gil-Arranz on behalf of the communities of Millbrook, Freemantle and Shirley regarding an application by Helius to locate a biomass 100 mega watt power station on a site adjoining Millbrook Road.
2. The Council noted that a petition had been received regarding the proposed dog exclusion order in respect of the Ornamental Lake and Cemetery Lake by 317 users of Southampton Common. The petition was now closed and in accordance with the Council's petition scheme had been posted on the City's web site and was reported for information.

74. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

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

The Leader announced that Councillor Holmes had stepped down as Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning and that Councillor Moulton had been appointed as his replacement. Councillor Hannides had been appointed Cabinet Member for Resources, Leisure and Culture.

The Leader and the Cabinet made statements and responded to Questions.

The following questions were then submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.1:

1. Future Jobs Fund

Question from Councillor Bogle to Councillor Smith

How many jobs have been created in Southampton by the Future Jobs Fund since its inception?

Answer:

300 jobs have been created in Southampton by the Future Jobs Fund since its inception up until to 9th March 2011. The forecast is for a remaining 7 jobs by 31st March 2011.

2. Solent LEP

Question from Councillor Bogle to Councillor Smith

What expenditure has been incurred to date by the Solent LEP and what is the split between the Council and the business sector? How will costs and resources be allocated going forward and which budget will pick these up?

Answer:

Costs to date incurred have been marginal. Costs that have been incurred have been met by the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH). Those costs are:

£450 to establish a basic website

£460 to advertise the Business Board positions in the local press.

£5,000 for a graduate internship for a 6 month period to provide executive support.

In addition, the LEP has private sector support in the form of the expertise of the Shadow Board and the service of Paris Smith which have been donated at nil cost.

Going forward the intention is to establish the Limited Company by guarantee where all classes of membership will pay a subscription fee.

3. Abolition of House Building Targets

Question from Councillor Bogle to Councillor Baillie

With the abolition of national and regional house building targets, which if any targets are Southampton and PUSH working towards and what percentage of this is in the 'affordable' sector?

In January 2010, Southampton City Council adopted their Core Strategy, which established our housing target (to 2026) of 16,300 new homes. This is not affected by the Government's decision to withdraw regional housing delivery targets at the earliest opportunity. It is based on our own assessment of the City's requirements and available development land. PUSH has recently revised their housing target in the light of changed market conditions and other factors and that has been reduced from 80,000 to 74,000. We currently have no plans to revise the target for the City, which current evidence suggests is likely to be deliverable, but will keep the situation under review.

Within the 2010 Core Strategy the affordable housing target requires the authority to provide 20% affordable housing on developments between 5 – 14 units and 35% for developments with units over 15.

4. Rollesbrook Greenway

Question from Councillor Bogle to Councillor P Williams

Can the Cabinet Member for Local Services and Safety outline the consultation process regarding the opening of the Rollesbrook Greenway?

Answer:

I have spoken to the Council officers about the consultation process. I understand an initial consultation process took place. From that there was no real appetite to set up a footpath. Then in 2008 a further consultation took place with residents who live adjacent to the greenway. At this moment officers say there was still no clear way ahead as there was a very low return rate.

Officers then agreed to extend this consultation in 2009/10 to include residents from slightly further afield which included the local schools, police, allotment holders, YMCA and Polygon Residents group. The results of all the consultation were then brought together. The conclusion was to go ahead with the extension to the footpath running through Rollesbrook Greenway connecting it to Wilton Avenue.

As Cabinet Member, I am happy to meet with her to discuss any reservations she has about the process followed on this occasion.

5. Public Toilets

Question from Councillor Drake to Councillor P Williams

Following the Administration's proposal to close public toilets at Bargate, Kingsland and Woolston, what proposals are in place to provide the public with alternative facilities at these locations?

Answer:

We back our traders and want our city centres to thrive. With the Council's budget pressures, it has been important for us to look at new ways of delivering public toilet provision, and Cllr Fuller has been working with me to look at establishing alternatives.

Although provision is not statutory, we recognise the value of public toilets; we have been doing our best to make alternative arrangements.

These include:

Highlighting Alternatives - Prior to the closure of the Bargate and Kingsland public toilets, street plans will be prominently affixed to these facilities indicating the locations of the significant number of alternative toilet facilities available to the public within the city centre.

Automatic Toilets - The City Council has in the past successfully secured two new automatic public conveniences (APC's) through a partnership agreement with the advertiser JC DeCaux. Council officers will continue to work with JC DeCaux and other potential private sector partners to extend this provision.

Extra provision through planning and other investments – The City Council is working hard to maintain provision in new developments. A good example of this is in West Quay where the City Council has invested £70,000 in improving access.

Working with traders - Council officers are exploring whether opportunities for partnership with local traders exist to replace in part the current City Council facilities, an approach that has been successfully pioneered in a number of other Local Authorities where budgetary pressures have compelled alternatives to direct council provision to be developed.

6. Council Staff in Housing Rent or Council Tax Arrears

Question from Councillor McEwing to Councillor Baillie

Does the Cabinet Member for Housing intend to make any special allowances for Council staff who fall behind in their Council Housing Rent or Council Tax during the next 12 months as a result of the Authority reducing their pay?

Answer:

No. Southampton City Council is here to help where possible all tenants, not just those employed by the Council. We are already helping our tenants who are employed by the Council by not reducing the pay of 40% of staff, and reducing the next 30% by 2% to allow some 400 members of staff to continue to be employed and to continue to take home a wage to their families. Council Tax has also been frozen to further help those tenants. Naturally, I am sure Cllr McEwing would agree with me that most of the current financial pain has been caused by Labour's utterly disastrous handling of our economy.

7. Policy Pronouncements

Question from Councillor Letts to Councillor P Williams

Does the Cabinet Member for Local Services and Community Safety agree with the policy pronouncements of the Rt. Hon. Eric Pickles in all areas relating to his Portfolio?

Answer:

I am happy to offer you my view on a policy position in my portfolio.

If possible, I would like to avoid the petty politics of half quotes etc.

8. Deprivation Levels

Question from Councillor Letts to Councillor Smith

How do the deprivation levels found in Southampton compare to other areas in Hampshire?

Answer:

The nationally recognised measure of deprivation is published by the Department for Communities & Local Government in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2007. It looks at poverty over seven domains:

- Education skills and training
- Crime
- Income
- Employment
- Health and disability
- Barriers to housing and services
- Living environment

Southampton is ranked 91st out of 354 LA's (1 = most deprived).

In Hampshire, Southampton is the most deprived area (91st) followed by Portsmouth (93rd), least deprived is Hart (354th) which is the least deprived area in England.

Using NI 116 – % children in poverty (2008) produces a similar ranking.

	2007 Rank of Hampshire	2007 Rank of Average Score	% of children in poverty
Southampton	1	91	26.5
Portsmouth	2	93	24.0
Havant	3	126	20.6
Gosport	4	167	17.8
Rushmoor	5	268	12.4
New Forest	6	300	12.9
Basingstoke and Deane	7	304	11.5
Eastleigh	8	313	10.9
Test Valley East	9	316	9.7
Hampshire	10	332	8.9
Fareham	11	338	8.8
Winchester	12	342	7.8
Hart	13	354	6.8

The DCLG will be publishing an IMD 2010 on the 24th March; a full report by officers will be available in April 2011.

9. Withdrawal of the Number 14 Bus Service

Question from Councillor Sollitt to Councillor Dean

Is the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport aware that the withdrawal of the number 14 bus service will deprive many elderly residents of Westwood Road of convenient access to public transport?

Answer:

After skilful negotiation the bus operator has undertaken to maintain the No 14 bus service for a further 15 months. I would be grateful if Councillor Sollitt would draw this success of the administration to his residents' attention in his next Focus leaflet.

10. Former Bus Depot Site Portswood

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Hannides

What has been the cost in officer time of discussions with Sainsburys and others regarding the possibility of the re-location of Portswood Library to the former Bus Depot Site?

Answer:

No officer time has been spent specifically looking at the re-location of Portswood Library, but officers have been looking at all the options for the community facility space which will be included in the Sainsbury's development and no formal negotiations have taken place.

11. Portswood District Centre

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Smith

How many supermarkets does the Leader believe would be beneficial for Portswood District Centre?

Answer:

The number of supermarkets that are needed to serve the residents of Portswood will be determined by the economic decisions made by the providers in the context of market conditions. It is not the business of the Council to decide absolute number of supermarkets in any area of the City. Any concerns regarding the implications of the development of a supermarket can in common with applications for other types of benefits be raised during the planning process.

12. Vehicular access to West Marland Road

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Dean

What is the current status in terms of vehicular access of West Marland Road? What has been the total cost of the parking warden's time in supervising access to this road since the completion of the work associated with refurbishment of Guildhall Square?

Answer:

West Marlands Road is a public highway. It is subject to a Traffic Regulation Order that prevents loading anywhere other than in designated bays. This is in

accordance with the recommendations from The Department of Transport for the management of parking in such a prestigious area.

During the latter phases of construction of Guildhall Square, and whilst awaiting the formal approval for the restrictions from The Department of Transport, it was necessary, for public safety, to have staff at the entrance to West Marlands Road to help prevent unnecessary vehicles from entering the road.

The costs of staff attending to this matter is in proportion to the level of enforcement normally given to this area of the City Centre. It is difficult to separate out the individual costs, but during the three months that the additional emphasis was given to this activity, approximately £16,800 of staff time was assigned. This is less than half of one percent of the construction costs of the project.

There were no accidents or safety concerns during construction of the project.

13. School Governing Bodies

Question from Councillor Barnes-Andrews to Councillor Moulton

How does the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning intend to respond to School Governing Bodies about their decisions concerning changes to conditions of employment?

Answer:

The Council cannot impose on school support staff the changes to terms and conditions that are being made to other council employees, as school governing bodies are responsible for setting terms and conditions of their support staff, although these staff are technically employed by the City Council.

The Council has been engaged in ongoing dialogue with governing bodies about this issue but to date, no Governing Body has agreed to implement the changes to terms and conditions.

No letters will therefore be sent to school support staff.

As the new Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning I have written to all Governing bodies to reassure them that their staff will not be affected.

14. Staff Turnover in Children's Services Social Workers

Question from Councillor Barnes-Andrews to Councillor Moulton

What has been the staff turnover in Children's Services social workers for permanent and temporary positions in the last three months?

Answer:

Turnover: of the 119.2 FTE social workers within the Safeguarding Division, 18.4 FTEs (15.4%) have left their post or have been promoted since December. The

percentage of the current workforce that has come into the service during the last three months is slightly lower at 11.7 FTE; a rate of 10%.

The Administration is committed to ensuring vulnerable children are protected. It is anticipated that all agency staff employed in the Safeguarding Division would no longer be in place by the end of May 2011.

15. Meals on Wheels Service

Question from Councillor Drake to Councillor White

Can the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health inform Council as to the timing and terms of reference of the proposed review of the Meals on Wheels Service?

Answer:

The Leader of the Council has asked officers to undertake a further review of the Meals on Wheels service prior to implementing any price increase. Officers are now undertaking preparatory work to determine the scope and timeline of this review. When this is available this will be shared with interested parties.

16. Gritting roads next winter

Question from Councillor Turner to Councillor Dean

Could the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport tell Council if planning for gritting roads next winter is already in hand given that we could see a repeat of last year's icy conditions?

Answer:

Yes it is.

Balfour Beatty had purchased two new gritting lorries to increase the Council's capacity to grit roads during periods when the City experiences ice and snow. The funding allocated for gritting roads for the winter 2011/12 has been doubled from the allocation in respect of 2010/11 winter months. The Council had increased the number of grit bins from 60 to approximately 100 as part of the City Council's commitment to increasing its capacity to resist bad weather. In addition there are currently investigations into the possibility of the use of snow ploughs in the City should the need arise

75. MOTIONS

(a) Local Government Pension Scheme

Councillor Dr. R Williams moved and Councillor Barnes-Andrews seconded:

"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."

Amendment moved by Councillor Moulton and seconded by Councillor Samuels:

AMENDMENT

Delete all '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.

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Replace with 'Council agrees that a balance needs to be struck between the benefits of the LGPS and the level of contributions paid by both the employer and the members. Demographic changes and other future pressures mean that reforms to the LGPS and other public sector pensions are necessary if these schemes are to be sustainable in the future.

Council notes that Lord Hutton has recommended in his interim report that employee contribution rates should increase in public sector Defined Benefit schemes. Council further notes that Government has accepted this recommendation but will consult on precise level of contributions now that the final Hutton report is out. To date no precise increase has been recommended or decided upon for the LGPS.

Council supports a tiered approach to member contributions in the LGPS and agrees that those on higher salaries should pay a higher contribution.

Council notes that a freeze to the employee contribution rate would mean that either the benefits of the scheme would have to be further reduced or the employer contribution would have to rise, meaning an increase in council tax.

Council welcomes the recent decision of the Hampshire Pension Fund to freeze employer contributions for the next 3 years which has helped enable Southampton City Council deliver a freeze in the council tax, the first time in the City's history.'

Amended Motion to Read:

"Council agrees that a balance needs to be struck between the benefits of the LGPS and the level of contributions paid by both the employer and the members. Demographic changes and other future pressures mean that reforms to the LGPS and other public sector pensions are necessary if these schemes are to be sustainable in the future.

Council notes that Lord Hutton has recommended in his interim report that employee contribution rates should increase in public sector Defined Benefit schemes. Council further notes that Government has accepted this recommendation but will consult on precise level of contributions now that the final Hutton report is out. To date no precise increase has been recommended or decided upon for the LGPS.

Council supports a tiered approach to member contributions in the LGPS and agrees that those on higher salaries should pay a higher contribution.

Council notes that a freeze to the employee contribution rate would mean that either the benefits of the scheme would have to be further reduced or the employer contribution would have to rise, meaning an increase in council tax.

Council welcomes the recent decision of the Hampshire Pension Fund to freeze employer contributions for the next 3 years which has helped enable Southampton City Council deliver a freeze in the council tax, the first time in the City's history."

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED CARRIED

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS DECLARED CARRIED

RESOLVED that the motion as amended be approved.

(b) Royal Wedding Celebrations

Councillor P Williams moved and Councillor Fitzgerald seconded:-

“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.”

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS DECLARED CARRIED

RESOLVED that the motion be approved.

(c) Grant of Lord Mayoralty - Diamond Jubilee 2012

Councillor Smith moved and Councillor Moulton seconded:-

“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 on behalf of the City of Southampton.”

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS DECLARED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLVED that the motion be approved.

(d) Highway Partnership with Balfour Beatty

Councillor Dean moved and Councillor Fitzhenry seconded:-

“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;
 - Lodge Road;
 - Crest Way; and
 - 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 Council’s 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.”

AMENDMENT

An amendment to the above motion proposed by Councillor Marsh-Jenks was disallowed by the Mayor as not being relevant.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS DECLARED CARRIED

RESOLVED that the motion be approved.

(e) Adoption of a Threshold for Students Living in Private Accommodation

Councillor Vinson moved and Councillor Sollitt seconded:-

“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 addition purpose-built accommodation along the lines in force in Oxford.”

Amendment moved by Councillor Stevens and seconded by Councillor Payne:

Delete after 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.”

Replace with “and landlords to help manage the number of students living in private accommodation in the community. The Cabinet is requested to set up an inquiry to investigate the links and produce a policy for:-

- The Planning Process;
- Houses of Multiple Occupancy; and
- The City’s Enforcement Teams and future housing provision that could provide and control student accommodation in the City.”

Amended Motion to Read:

“This Council urges the Cabinet in discussion with Southampton’s two universities and landlords to help manage the number of students living in private accommodation in the community. The Cabinet is requested to set up an inquiry to investigate the links and produce a policy for:-

The Planning Process;

Houses of Multiple Occupancy; and

The City’s Enforcement Teams and future housing provision that could provide and control student accommodation in the City.”

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED LOST

Further amendment moved by Councillor Dean and seconded by Councillor Moulton:-

Delete from the first line ‘urges’ and replace with ‘welcomes’.

Delete from the first line ‘Cabinet, in discussion for Southampton’s’

Replace with ‘Cabinet’s decision on 14th March to approve an Article 4 Direction for the whole of Southampton.’

Delete the remainder of the paragraph ‘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 addition purpose-built accommodation along the lines in force in Oxford.’

Replace with ‘Council notes that a period of statutory consultation will now be undertaken and also welcomes the Cabinet’s decision to set up an HMO working group to look at all aspects of HMOs. This will include housing, planning and

enforcement issues, and will have the aim of creating sustainable and cohesive communities in Southampton.

Council resolves to look at the merits of introducing thresholds for HMOs, as well as other planning policies that might sit along side the Article 4 Direction and notes that further work on this will not delay the effective implementation date of the Article 4. We will also work with Southampton's two universities to ensure joined up policies between them and the City Council.'

Amended Motion to Read:

"Council welcomes the Cabinet's decision on 14th March to approve an Article 4 Direction for the whole of Southampton.

Council notes that a period of statutory consultation will now be undertaken and also welcomes the Cabinet's decision to set up an HMO working group to look at all aspects of HMOs. This will include housing, planning and enforcement issues, and will have the aim of creating sustainable and cohesive communities in Southampton.

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UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED CARRIED

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION AS AMENDED BY COUNCILLORS DEAN AND MOULTON WAS DECLARED CARRIED

RESOLVED that the motion as amended be approved.

NOTE: Councillor Dr. R Williams as a Landlord in the City declared a personal interest in the above motion and left the Chamber taking no part in the debate or vote.

(f) Alcohol promotions aimed at young people

Councillor Turner withdrew the following motion:-

"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."

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

It was noted that no questions to the Chairs of Committees or the Mayor had been received.

77. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

It was noted that no changes had been made to the appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees or Other Bodies.

78. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3

The report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport was submitted seeking approval and adoption of the Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) for Southampton (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the Local Transport Plan Joint Strategy be adopted as appended to the report; and
- (ii) that the Implementation Plan 2011-2012 be adopted as appended to the report.

79. ADOPTION OF THE SAFE CITY PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2011/12

The report of the Cabinet Member for Local Services and Community Safety was submitted seeking approval to the Safe City Partnership Plan 2011/12 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Neighbourhoods to agree the final allocation of the grant funding from the Home Office Community Safety Fund and any final amendments to the Plan following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Local Services and Community Safety; and
- (ii) that the Safe City Partnership Plan 2011/12 and the Council's contribution as detailed in the Plan be approved.

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
6 APRIL 2011

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor Cunio
The Sheriff, Councillor Matthews
Councillors Baillie, Ball, Barnes-Andrews, Bogle, Burke, Capozzoli, Daunt, Drake, Fitzhenry, Hannides, Harris, Jones, Kolker, Letts, Marsh-Jenks, Mead, McEwing, Samuels, Morrell, Moulton, Norris, Odgers, Osmond, Parnell, Rayment, Smith, Stevens, Vinson, Turner, Willacy, P Williams, Dr R Williams and White

80. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs Damani, Dean, Dick, Fuller, Fitzgerald, Furnell, Holmes, Payne, Slade, Sollitt, Thomas, Walker, and Wells.

81. HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE CITY

Councillor Cunio moved and Councillor Hannides seconded:-

- (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 Mr Micky Arison Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Carnival Corporation and PLC in recognition of the eminent role that Mr Arison of the Carnival Corporation has played in the economic well being of the City of Southampton whereby he has been instrumental in assisting Southampton in becoming the cruise capital of Europe.
- (ii) That suitable scrolls and caskets be commissioned for this purpose.
- (iii) That the Honorary Freedom of the City be formally handed over to Mr Arison at a special meeting to be held on Wednesday 13th April 2011.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY
CARRIED

RESOLVED that the motion as submitted be adopted.

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DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL
SUBJECT:	EXECUTIVE BUSINESS
DATE OF DECISION:	18 MAY 2011
REPORT OF:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
NONE	

BRIEF SUMMARY

This report outlines executive business conducted since the last Council meeting and highlights some of the positive developments and achievements.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the report be noted.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. This report is presented in accordance with Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. Not applicable.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. As Leader of the Council, I identified in July 2010, two priorities for the Council: achieving Value for Money and Strong Leadership in facilitating economic growth for prosperity for the city. This report highlights the business undertaken by the Executive, particularly good news stories which demonstrate the progress we are making towards our objectives. A list of Cabinet decisions taken since the last Full Council meeting in March 2011 is attached as Appendix 1.

LEADER'S PORTFOLIO

4. East Street Site Redevelopment

Southampton City Council has welcomed proposals by the property owner Arcadian Estates, to comprehensively redevelop the East Street Shopping Centre. The proposals will see the complete demolition of the obsolete centre and its replacement with an individually designed, purpose-built city centre Morrisons' flagship food store.

5. Retail Skills Academy

The city will receive a skills boost for the retail and hospitality sectors with the implementation of a National Skills Academy accredited Retail Skills Shop in the city. The SITES and Southampton Skills Development Zone partners worked with the Sector Skills Council, Skillsmart and local providers, to develop a proposal for a Skills Shop in the city that meets their high standards. This proposal was agreed at the end of March 2011. The Retail Skills Shop will have the advantage of leadership provided by Brockenhurst College, a Grade 1 outstanding Further Education College, and will bring together local partners to support employer engagement, learner recruitment and awareness across the city with a new facility in the city centre offering high quality training and advice. It will support both city centre and district centre businesses, large national chains and smaller

independent traders. The first training programmes are expected to be underway from June 2011.

6. Premier Inn comes to Town

A new hotel which will create 41 jobs in Southampton City Centre, has been built ahead of schedule and has been handed over to Premier Inn. The hotel is set to open by 2nd May 2011 creating 41 jobs for the city.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH PORTFOLIO

7. People Power in Thornhill

Thornhill residents have been given the opportunity by the Council and NHS Southampton City to say how they want to spend £75,000 in their local area at a community event hosted recently. This is the fourth year that residents have been asked to vote on ideas that they think will most benefit their community. The best ideas were chosen at an event held by Southampton City Council with NHS Southampton City, Thornhill Plus You and the residents of Thornhill know as 'Your Health, Your Community, Your Vote'.

8. Buy with Confidence Scheme

More and more residents who are eligible for social care services are taking control of their own care budgets from the Council. In March the number of adult social care clients receiving self directed support broke the 1000 barrier and this number will continue to grow. To help protect vulnerable and elderly residents, the Council wants to make sure customers who are buying their own care services can have a wider selection of reputable companies to choose from. The Buy with Confidence scheme recognises and promotes businesses committed to trading lawfully, safely and fairly. From April, the scheme was expanded to include companies providing social care and support services. This helps both self-funders – people who buy their own care services and residents that receive financial social care support from the council and who control their own care budget.

CHILDREN AND SAFEGUARDING PORTFOLIO

9. Schools to expansion and improvement

Twenty Southampton primary schools will expand during the next four years to meet the growing demand for places. An additional 355 places will be added in Year R by September 2012/12 and 150 Year 3 places by 2015 to meet the challenge of rising birth rates in the city.

Two Southampton primary schools (Bassett Green and St. Mary's) have entered the national 'Top 100' for 'most improved' – both service two of the city's most deprived areas.

Two schools who were inspected last term by Ofsted and were judged 'good': Oakwood Infant and Fairisle Junior. Harefield Primary School was judged to be 'outstanding'. A further nine schools due to be inspected since September 2010 have been contacted by Ofsted to say their inspection have been deferred following interim assessment that shows their performance has been sustained.

Southampton now boasts six National Leaders in Education – four times the national local authority average and equal to 7.5 percent of the city's Heads.

10. Better stability for young people in care

The age of children coming into care in Southampton is reducing, meaning more long term, stable placements with foster or adoptive families. This change is in line with Safeguarding improvement plans to offer children and young people a better start in life, by intervening sooner.

11. Apprenticeships

The Council has been working to maximise opportunities for local people to gain employment and skills, including rolling out 13 Employment and Skills Plans alongside development projects worth £150M; 58 new apprenticeships in the construction trades; and work with three secondary schools to explain apprenticeships and opportunities

12. Millions spent on under fives

The final phase of the Sure Start, Early Years and Childcare Grant Programme came to a successful conclusion on 31 March 2011. An overall budget of £4.7 million consisting of government money, and funding from other initiatives has been used to create three Children's Centres and improve 62 early year's settings across the city.

13. NEET

The number of unemployed 16-18 year old young people in Southampton has decreased from 9.5% in February 2011 to 8.9% in March 2011. This is the first time since November 2006 that the Southampton NEET figure has gone below the 9.0% level.

14. Southampton wins bid to support vulnerable two year olds

Southampton City Council has been awarded funding from the Department for Education to pilot new approaches to supporting vulnerable two year olds in the City.

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTOLIO

15. More money for potholes

Southampton has been awarded an additional £415,000 by the Department for Transport for repairing potholes caused by damage from the severe winter weather. The Council, through its partner Balfour Beatty, will be carrying out intelligent repairs to improve the network resilience by effectively filling the potholes an area at a time. Teams out repairing emergency potholes will be able to use the additional money to pick up any emerging potholes and fill them at the same time thus delivering a whole carriageway improvement and making more efficient use of our resources. This work will complement the ongoing investment the council has committed, to repair in excess of 40 miles of footways over the coming year. In the last year the council has improved approximately 60 miles of pavement resurfacing across the City.

16. Southampton City Council gets national recognition as a Low Carbon Council

Southampton City Council was a finalist at the 2011 LGC awards in the Low Carbon Council category in recognition of the innovation and excellent work in this area. Our submission covered a number of areas including the work undertaken on energy management and carbon reduction within council buildings, our city wide Energy Partnership and the innovative carbon foot printing PhD partnership

with Southampton University.

17. City Depot and Recycling Park takes shape

Southampton's new City Depot and Recycling Park is on course to open to the public by January 2012. The site at Dock Gate 20 will be used as a front line services hub for the Council. It will be used as the base for waste and recycling collections, and the council's highways partners Balfour Beatty will use it as their local headquarters. Residents will be able to use the new and improved Household Waste and Recycling Centre on the site from January 2012. Many of the council services are being relocated to the new site from the current Depot site in Endle Street, which will be opened up to new and exciting development in the future.

18. Peartree is lit up as the council moves onto Bevois

Peartree in Southampton is the first ward to be completely lit up with new environmentally friendly street lights. As part of the Council's streetlighting PFI which is seeing the majority of the city's 28,000 city streetlights replaced with new white lights, Peartree was chosen as the first ward. Since June 2010, 1040 new columns have been put into the ground in the ward, with 1040 redundant columns removed and recycled.

19. New Local Transport Plan Agreed

The new Local Transport Plan (LTP) was agreed recently. The LTP(3) twenty year plan is a Joint Strategy for South Hampshire, developed in partnership with Portsmouth City Council and Hampshire County Council. The detailed implementation plan for 2011-15 for transport planning was also agreed. The Plan will help to improve transport in the city and address the challenges of economic growth, by using the network capacity to better effect.

20. Environment and Transport Capital Programme

The Executive approved the details for expenditure of the E&T Capital Programme of £19M. The expenditure approvals to spend agreed in March have been broken down into a number of specific areas including:

- Road maintenance and improvements £6,859,000
- Network management £547,000
- Active Travel £375,000
- Improved Safety £263,000
- Public Transport £275,000
- Public Realm £1,725,000
- Travel Planning £261,000
- Accessibility £325,000
- Street furniture £165,000
- Other Highways schemes £336,000

HOUSING PORTFOLIO

21. Council shortlisted for prestigious awards

Southampton City Council has been shortlisted for two regional awards by the Tenants Participation Advisory Service (TPAS) in their 2011 annual awards. The Council has been shortlisted in the category 'Best practice in Supporting People' for our International Cooker Exchange and in the category 'Best Practice for Supporting People Award' for our excellent activity co-ordinators. The TPAS awards are to highlight pioneering schemes and teamwork that made communities safer and more desirable places to live.

22. Holyrood play area

The play area, opened recently, was made possible by a £100,000 grant bid for by the local Tenants and Residents Association. They have also won a South East Empowerment award for their hard work on the play area with the judges declaring this community led achievement as 'fantastic work by committed people.'

23. Porlock Road

11 exemplar family homes at Porlock Road were completed at the end of March. These affordable homes have been built on the site of a former council children's home. The scheme, designed by Spectrum Housing Association provides 9 homes for rent and 2 for low cost home ownership. Two of the rented homes are suitable for people in wheelchairs.

24. Manston Court

The Decent Homes team have just completed a major refurbishment of the supported housing scheme at Manston Court. The refurbishment starts at the entrance to the building and shows a brand new look and feel. The new entrance now has an individual door entry system, the communal corridors have new ceilings and have been fully redecorated, the community room has been refurbished, a new commercial kitchen has been installed and an IT suite created for residents and visitors; low energy lighting and new floor coverings have been fitted throughout and residents and visitors are able to enjoy their newly landscaped garden.

25. Neptune Court

A major refurbishment of Neptune Court is almost complete. Inside the building all the communal corridors have benefitted from having new ceilings and low energy lighting as well as new floor coverings and freshly painted walls, all of which make the building feel light, airy and welcoming.

LEISURE, CULTURE AND HERITAGE PORTFOLIO

26. Andy Warhol Exhibition

The Andy Warhol Artist Rooms exhibition jointly presented at Southampton City Art Gallery and the John Hansard Gallery has already achieved excellent visitor figures. Over 6,000 people attended the Art Gallery in the first three weeks, with School booking slots being snapped up very rapidly, and sales in the Gallery shop have trebled.

LOCAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PORTFOLIO

27. Crime and reduction environment weeks

Two crime and reduction environment weeks (CREW) held in St. Deny's and Freemantle with the street cleansing team, residents and Hampshire Police cleared tonnes of rubbish and graffiti, gave 'street sparkles', and cut back bushes as well as dealing with children absent from school and untaxed cars.

28. Fly Tipping

Southampton's most prolific fly-tipper, who dumped waste across the city, including in a cemetery, has been sent to prison for two years and been given a nationwide ASBO as a result of extensive multi-agency working and cross border investigations.

29. 2011-12 Grants to Voluntary Organisations

This year we will be awarding grants to voluntary organisations totalling £1.86M. Proposed savings of £420K had reduced the amount to £1.76M but following consultation with the voluntary sector, Cabinet agreed to put back £100K. We are now looking at different ways in which we can support community and voluntary groups and work with them to secure more funding. Additionally improvements are being made to the Council's web pages to provide greater advice to enable these groups to help themselves.

RESOURCES AND WORKFORCE PLANNING PORTFOLIO

30. ASAP – Major repair works progress at the Civic Centre

Works to the building are progressing well throughout. The essential repairs to the steel structure, stonework and reinstatement of the refurbished windows are all occurring behind the scaffold sheeting. The new asphalt roof covering incorporating a thermal insulation layer throughout has also progressed well. This work will completely rectify the deterioration of this existing fabric and upgrade the thermal performance of the building. Temporary roofs have been erected over the existing sky lights and the critical repairs/replacement of these high heritage elements has commenced. Internally the removal of the original corridor ceilings is nearing completion which has enabled the installation of the new ventilation system and electrical infrastructure to progress.

SOUTHAMPTON CONNECT UPDATE

31. Southampton Connect, the successor body to the Southampton Partnership, held its inaugural meeting on the 7th April 2011 Chaired by the Council's Chief Executive, Southampton Connect has senior level representation from 13 key agencies or umbrella representative organisations covering the private, public and voluntary sectors. Given the uniqueness of Southampton Connect (in that it is a locally developed multi-agency response to working collaboratively in these challenging and recessionary times), Connect considered its future operating style and agreed that:

- a) The previous Southampton Partnership (local strategic partnership) model and its Delivery Board was the right approach at the time for the task it had to deliver, however the world has moved on.

- b) The Government's significant reform programme and dismantling of much of the central and regional reporting requirements and inspections, means that we now have a unique opportunity to work together within a new collaborative model that is right for Southampton.
- c) The role of Southampton Connect is to own and drive our collaborative approach to the 4 City Challenges (economic development; educational attainment & skills; wellbeing; and sustainable green & attractive environment) by making strong ambitious connections, ensuring the work is inter-linked and by demonstrating collaborative leadership by driving 'added value' priority projects and programmes.
- d) Southampton Connect will enable and support thematic partnerships, such as the Children & Young People's Trust and the Safe City Partnership, but it will not operate as a hierarchy over them.
- e) Southampton Connect will ensure that it adds value to, and does not duplicate, projects and programmes being delivered by our collaborative arrangements such as thematic partnerships and networks within the city, and sub-regionally through the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire or the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership.
- f) The old LSP 'command & control' language of boards; executives; members; attendees; reporting to; etc is not to be used. Attendees, for example, tends to be associated with 'attending meetings' whereas using a new language of participants means that everyone must be prepared to bring things to the meeting and take actions away. This means a new collective and collaborative approach to focusing on quality of life outcomes.
- g) Southampton Connect will report to a broader Southampton Conference on progress, demonstrating collaborative leadership to tackling the big issues facing the city, and to actively seeking out other collaborative partners that can be brought onto our collective journey.

Connect considered the work in progress to develop the new City Plan which will replace the City of Southampton Strategy 2007 and it has started to develop the added-value priority projects & programmes that it will drive forward which will be incorporated into the City Plan. Connect also agreed to utilise £117,000 from the Cross Service Development Fund to urgently assist schools to improve the 2011 Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 results for the city.

Further information can be found on the current partner-funded Southampton Partnership website (www.southampton-partnership.com), however this site will be refreshed over the next few weeks to reflect the changes to Southampton Connect.

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS

32. The Executive published its Forward Plan on the 15th April 2011 covering the period May to August 2011 and will publish its next plan on the 17th May covering the period June to September 2011. Details of all forthcoming executive decision items can be found at:

<http://sccwww1.southampton.gov.uk/decisionmaking/internet/forwardplanindex.asp>

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

33. None.

Property/Other

34. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

35. None.

Other Legal Implications:

36. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

37. None.

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KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line

Appendices

1.	Decisions taken by Cabinet between March and April 2011
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None.
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Integrated Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to be carried out.	No
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Other Background Documents

Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s) Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

1.	None	
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DECISION-MAKER:	FULL COUNCIL
SUBJECT:	CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION
DATE OF DECISION:	18 MAY 2011
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	

BRIEF SUMMARY

This report sets out the annual review of the Constitution.. This was considered and discussed by Standards and Governance Committee on 18th April 2011 in its governance role. Full Council is the ultimate decision-making body as to the Council's Constitution.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) to agree the changes to the Constitution as set out in this report;
- (ii) to authorise the Director of Corporate Services 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
- (iii) to approve the City Council's Constitution, as amended, including the Officer Scheme of Delegation for the municipal year 2011/12.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is appropriate for the Council to keep its Constitution under regular review and to amend it, both to reflect experience and changing circumstances.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. The Council resolved in May 2002 to review its Constitution on an annual basis. Therefore, it is appropriate that this report is considered by Members. There are a range of recommendations set out within the report. Members have a range of options about various changes recommended to them, not least of which is to reject some or all of them.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. This report was considered by Standards and Governance Committee on 18th April 2011. The committee's comments and amendments are embodied within this report and the appendices.

Background Information

4. The Constitution of the Council describes the way in which the Council conducts its business. It contains not only the Articles of the Constitution, but also the various rules and procedures for decision-making, access to information, Overview and Scrutiny, the Codes of Conduct, the Officer / Member Protocol, as well as other specific rules relating to contracts and finance.

5. The Constitution forms the cornerstone of effective corporate governance. Whilst Southampton City Council's constitutional arrangements continue to be recognised as being of a high standard, Full Council agreed in May 2002 that it would on an annual basis robustly review the Constitution and its operation. The purpose of this report is to bring forward proposed changes to the Constitution, these having been considered by Standards and Governance Committee (in its governance role) with a view to build upon the constitutional arrangements for the Council.

Executive arrangements

6. The legal responsibility for determining Executive arrangements, namely who are the Executive Members, the Portfolios and any Executive delegations to officers, lie in the hands of the Leader. The Leader will be elected by the Annual General Meeting (AGM), at which point s/he will determine this issue. This will have constitutional impact, since the arrangements will need to be incorporated within the Council's Constitution after the AGM.

Appointment of Members to various bodies: Schedule 3 of Part 3 of the Constitution

7. The AGM will determine the composition of the Committees and Sub-Committees, in terms of political proportionality, and it is then a matter for the Group Leaders to notify the Chief Democratic and Members' Services Officer on behalf of the Director of Corporate Services of their representation in accordance with that calculation upon the Council's committees and sub-committees. In addition, there will be non-Executive appointments to various bodies and organisations which will also be addressed. This will then be incorporated within Part 3 of the Constitution to reflect the decisions of Full Council.

The Localism Bill

8. The Localism Bill has now been published. There are a number of aspects which could have a constitutional impact. Specific details of these areas will be brought forward in due course and, of course, are entirely dependent upon what the ultimate content and shape of the Act is. But based on the content of the Bill, there may need to be constitutional amendments to reflect:
 - a. any decision-making route enabling the authority to return to the pre-Local Government 2000 committee system;
 - b. any specific provisions relating to either obligations to or options to adopt a directly-elected Mayor model by a different route;
 - c. the revocation of the Members' Code of Conduct and abolition of the Standards Board for England;
 - d. the requirements for petition schemes to be repealed;
 - e. clarification on the rules of pre-determination and bias; and
 - f. obligations in relation to transparency and openness relating to, for example, senior officer pay.
9. As indicated above, further details of these matters will be brought forward as and when the Act receives Royal Assent, depending upon what is necessary in terms of any constitutional changes.

Employment and Appeals Panel

10. In light of the increase of matters that require determination by the Panel, consideration has been given as to whether revisions are required to the constitution of the Panel, the frequency of meetings and indeed, whether it is needed to discharge the employment functions of the Council as the final internal appeal body. For the time being it is not considered necessary to make any changes but the Director of Corporate Services is requested to review the position later in the year to see whether changes are merited.

Licensing (General) Sub Committee

11. Full Council should note that on 4th November 2010, the Licensing Committee resolved to reduce the membership of the Licensing (General) sub committee from seven members to five, with a quorum of three. This will bring it in line with the Licensing (Licensing and Gambling) sub committee, which also has a quorum of three.

Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee and the arrangements for Overview and Scrutiny

12. The current arrangements in governance terms for Overview and Scrutiny are that there is a parent committee, Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC), and three scrutiny panels – Panels A, B and C.
13. There is a statutory obligation for the Council to ensure that its overview and scrutiny activities encompass the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and key decisions of the health agencies in the city.
14. OSMC considered scrutiny structures at its meeting on 14th April 2011 and determined that OSMC will, in addition to the current duties performed:
 - a. deliver the statutory function for the scrutiny of crime and disorder matters and will meet annually to deliver this function;
 - b. undertake a reduced programme of scrutiny inquiries within the monthly meetings of the committee.
15. One standing scrutiny panel will be retained; this will be named the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel, and this panel will deliver the statutory functions for health matters including representation from Southampton Link, and will meet bi-monthly with the ability to schedule additional meetings as necessary to undertake the statutory functions required of it.

Officer Scheme of Delegation and Proper Officers

16. The existing Constitution enables the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to vary the current Officer Scheme of Delegation by moving delegations between officers when there are organisational restructures taking place. The current reorganisation of the senior management structure of the Council and the resultant changes to the structure of the directorates will inevitably result in a significant change in the current Officer Scheme of Delegation, as delegations will have to be realigned to fit within the new organisational structure. This will be undertaken in accordance with the constitutional requirements.

17. In addition, it should be noted that within the Constitution there is a section that lays out the roles and responsibilities of “Proper Officers” of the Council. The term is used to encompass the three statutory officers of the authority, that is to say the Head of Paid Service, Chief Financial Officer and Monitoring Officer. It also encompasses other officers holding roles where the Council is required to appoint an officer to that role, for example, the Director of Children’s Services.
18. This part of the Constitution has been revised to take account of both recent changes in legislation as well as changed appointments, and it is recommended that henceforth, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services should be able to update this part of the Constitution, making amendments and appointments as necessary and required, both by changes to the law and by changes to personnel, whether associated with the Council or associated with other partners or bodies where they are carrying out the Proper Officer role on behalf of the Council.

Civic and Ceremonial Protocol

19. It has been a number of years now since the opportunity was taken to refresh the Civic and Ceremonial Protocol, and in the light of experience, it is proposed to amend the Protocol to reflect both some changes in emphasis and operational practice undertaken over the last few years, including but not limited to the establishment of a Mayor’s Charity, registered with the Charity Commission as well as various other amendments reflecting experience and operation of civic office.
20. A revised version of the Civic and Ceremonial Protocol is incorporated at Appendix 1.

Politically Restricted Posts

21. The Council is legally required to hold a list of its politically restricted posts. Those that fall into this category have restrictions placed on them in respect of political activity that the individuals in those posts may undertake.
22. The law has changed in relation to these arrangements, and whilst there is no right of appeal for politically restricted postholders in specified posts, that is to say there is a certain list of specified posts where the postholder would be subject to restrictions on their political activities, eg the Head of Paid Service and Monitoring Officer, Director of Children’s Services and the Director of Adult Social Services, other posts described as “sensitive” posts, namely postholders who are required to give regular advice to Council, committees, sub-committees or speak on a regular basis on behalf of the authority to journalists or broadcasters are described as “sensitive” posts, and the Council’s Standards and Governance Committee will consider appeal from employees in sensitive posts who wish to appeal the designation of their posts as such if they feel that they cannot influence policy or that the authority has not properly applied the criteria.
23. Accordingly, the terms of reference of Standards and Governance Committee will be amended to enable the Committee to hear such appeals.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

24. None.

Property/Other

25. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

26. The Executive Arrangements and Constitution are required under the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended). Other matters referred to in the report are addressed in the Local Government Act 1972 as well as the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The statutory powers to undertake proposals set out in this report are dealt with on a paragraph-by-paragraph basis as stated within the report.

Other Legal Implications:

27. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

28. None.

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KEY DECISION? Yes/No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

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Appendices

1.	Revised version of the Civic and Ceremonial Protocol
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Documents In Members’ Rooms

1.	None.
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Integrated Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to be carried out.	Yes/No
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Other Background Documents

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1.	None.

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DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL
SUBJECT:	ANNUAL STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE BUSINESS REVIEW
DATE OF DECISION:	18 MAY 2011
REPORT OF:	CHAIR OF STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
Not applicable.	

BRIEF SUMMARY

This report gives an overview of the work of the Standards and Governance Committee and outlines discussions held and decisions made at its meetings from May 2010 to April 2011.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (i) That the report be noted.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. This report is presented in accordance with the agreed recommendations arising from the 2009 Ethical Governance Review.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

2. Appropriate consultation has taken place on each of the decision items summarised in this report.
3. This is the second Annual Report of the Standards and Governance Committee (S&GC), in response to a recommendation from the Ethical Governance Review. That review, conducted in 2009, found that the Committee had a lower profile in the business of the Council than is the case in many other Local Authorities and this report is one means of giving that profile a modest boost. We have taken the view that a modest increase in profile is all that is needed.
4. The Council continues to operate with a high level of compliance with the Members' Code of Conduct, a high standard of financial probity and a relatively low level of complaints from the public. Given the negative press that we and all Councils often receive, it is important to recognise and applaud those high standards.
5. A brief reminder of the Committee's make-up may be helpful.
S&GC includes representation from all three political groups, mainly experienced councillors some of whom have also served the City as Mayor. It also includes three Independent Members, who have between them a wide range of experience in commercial project management, disability issues, local government and the voluntary sector (for much of the year a fourth Independent Member brought experience from the health service, but regrettably she has now stepped down for personal reasons). With that balanced and experienced membership, and with one of the Independent Members as its chair, the Committee is well placed to focus on how

Councillors and the Council conduct themselves and their business, largely avoiding debate on particular Council decisions. Our external auditors are frequently in attendance, and comparisons are sought and obtained so that the Council's performance can be seen alongside that of similar Local Authorities

5. While the Council's performance is good in all of the areas with which S&GC is directly concerned, there is always room for improvement and we make a point of seeking trend data to ensure that performance edges upward year on year.

AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

6. We received this report at our meeting on 24 June. We are grateful to the Audit Committee for the assurance they are able to give us on risk management, control and governance in the Council.

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT/REPORT

7. The Annual Governance Statement was received and approved in June, as recommended by the Audit Committee the previous day. We noted that the Comprehensive Area Assessment was no longer a requirement. The Annual Governance Report, prepared by the Audit Commission, was received in September. We were concerned that there was a delay in issuing an Audit Certificate but were satisfied that this did not indicate an issue of financial mismanagement. There was debate on an item of disclosure in the accounts, and we agreed to support the view of the Interim Director of Resources.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

8. We received and approved the Statement of Accounts in June, seeking officers' explanations on some details and requesting some amendments to the income analysis in the Explanatory Foreword.

OMBUDSMAN COMPLAINTS

9. We were pleased to note from this report, presented in September, that Southampton continues to have fewer matters referred to the Ombudsman than comparable other Local Authorities, and to respond more quickly. We also noted a small decrease in the number of referrals to the Ombudsman, compared to the previous year.

CORPORATE COMPLAINTS

10. This report, also received in September, showed a slight rise in complaints compared to the previous year, on top of a substantial increase from the year before that, but the previous favourable comparison with other Local Authorities still holds good. We will continue to consider the data annually.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND LEARNING/HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE COMPLAINTS

11. We received this report in September. As in the previous year, this showed a higher number of complaints than for our comparator Local Authorities although not all the comparative figures are available. Complaints about children's services and learning showed a marked increase, although none came from children or young people. Freedom Of Information Act requests

also showed an increase. We noted the lessons learned from these complaints, and will continue to consider the data annually.

AUDIT COMMISSION: ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER

11. In December 2010 we received the Audit Commission's letter on the 2009/10 financial year. The letter gave us assurance on the Council's performance in financial management and value for money arrangements, and set out a number of challenges, primarily related to the economic downturn, which need to be monitored over the coming years.

CRB CHECKS FOR MEMBERS

12. In December 2010 we considered recommendations to change the level of CRB checks for Councillors, and agreed that certain members should be required to have an enhanced CRB check and all should be strongly encouraged to do so.

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

13. In April 2011 we considered a draft of the report on constitutional changes, which the Council will consider today, and made no significant changes to the main draft. Officers were asked to revisit part of the Civic and Ceremonial Protocol, regarding mayoral transport.

MEETINGS WITH THE CEO AND THE LEADER

13. I reported to the Committee in April on my recent meetings with the CEO and the Leader of the Council, which focussed on how the Committee could best support the work of the Council. We asked the Officers to provide briefings at future meetings on forthcoming changes in regulations affecting audit, ethics and probity matters, the Localism Bill and the Council's partnership arrangements, to inform our response to these developments.

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

14. Also in April, we received a report updating us on the Member Development Strategy 2010-2013, and noted that the Member Mentoring scheme was not as widely known as it might be. We endorsed the draft induction programme for new members elected in May 2011, noting that the outcome of the election, and the progress of the Localism Bill, may necessitate some changes to it.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

15. Not applicable.

Property/Other

16. Not applicable.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Power to undertake the proposals in the report:

17. Section 111 Local Government Act 1972 and Local Government Act 2000.

Other Legal Implications:

18. Not applicable.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

19. None.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

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Appendices

1.	None.
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None.
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Integrated Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject/recommendations in the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment to be carried out.	No
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Other Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)

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1.	None.	
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WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None.
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Agenda Item 15

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2011		
DATE OF DECISION:	16 MAY 2011		
REPORT OF:	RETURNING OFFICER		
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Elections in the 16 City Wards were held on Thursday 5th May 2011 the following candidates were elected.

BARGATE - John Noon (Labour)
BASSETT - Les Harris (Conservative)
BEVOIS- Jacqui Rayment (Labour)
BITTERNE- Matt Stevens (Labour)
BITTERNE PARK - Peter Baillie (Conservative)
COXFORD- Don Thomas (Labour)
FREEMANTLE - Brian Parnell (Conservative)
HAREFIELD- Daniel Fitzhenry (Conservative)
MILLBROOK- Asa Thorpe (Labour)
PEARTREE - Darren Paffey (Labour)
PORTSWOOD - Matthew Claisse (Conservative)
REDBRIDGE - Andrew Pope (Labour)
SHIRLEY- Satvir Kaur (Labour)
SHOLING - Susan Blatchford (Labour)
SWAYTHLING - Spiros Vassiliou (Conservative)
WOOLSTON - Warwick Payne (Labour)

The overall turnout was 36.68%

This election was also combined with the Referendum on the Alternative Vote and the results for this were :

Yes 823,793

No 1,951,793

The overall turnout was 44.31%

**Mark Heath
Returning Officer**

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DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL
SUBJECT:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY: SUMMARY OF CALL-IN ACTIVITY
DATE OF DECISION:	18 MAY 2011
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF CORPORATE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	

BRIEF SUMMARY

This report provides the Council with a summary of the use of the Call-in procedure over the last six months.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the report be noted.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Following changes agreed at 12th May 2010 meeting of Full Council, the Council's Constitution requires the use of Call-in to be reported to Council on a half yearly basis.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. Following an amendment approved at the Full Council meeting on 12th May 2010, Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules requires Full Council to receive a report every six months on the use of the Call-in procedure.
4. One executive decision has been called-in since the previous update report to Full Council in November 2010. The details of this Call-in and the outcomes resulting from the Call-In meeting are summarised in this report.
5. **CAB 10/11 5542: Westridge Road Car Park**

Reasons given for the Call-in:

- The lack of adequate consultation

Recommendations from the Call-in meeting:

At its meeting on 22nd March 2011, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Policy and Performance detailing the Call-in of a decision made by the Cabinet on 14th March 2011 relating to the sale of land in Westridge Road, Portswood. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee did not recommend that the decision be reconsidered by Cabinet.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

6. None.

Property/Other

7. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

8. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Other Legal Implications:

9. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

10. None.

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KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None directly as a result of this report.
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Appendices

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Integrated Impact Assessment

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Other Background Documents

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DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL
SUBJECT:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY: ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11
DATE OF DECISION:	18 MAY 2011
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF CORPORATE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	

BRIEF SUMMARY

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee is required to submit a report summarising scrutiny activities over the past twelve months to Full Council each year. The document attached at Appendix 1 is therefore submitted for information in accordance with paragraph 2.2.7 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules within the Council's current constitution.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the report be noted.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The report is submitted for information in line with the requirements of the constitution.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None, since the production of this report is a requirement set out in the Council's constitution.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. The Council's overview and scrutiny procedure rules require an annual report to be made to the Council on the overview and scrutiny function. Attached at Appendix 1 is the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report covering the 2010/11 municipal year. It aims to provide a succinct summary of the main scrutiny activities and inquiries undertaken during the course of the year.
4. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) and Chairs of the Scrutiny Panel's have been consulted on the attached Annual Report.
5. During 2010/11 the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and the 3 Scrutiny Panels have focussed on improving outcomes for the City of Southampton. Developments such as strengthening the scrutiny of Children's Safeguarding, influencing decisions that impact on health provision across Southampton, and delivering a programme of Scrutiny Inquiries, have, and will continue to contribute to ensuring that policies and decisions made affecting the City are better informed.
6. Efforts have been made to engage young people in the scrutiny process. A number of pupils from the east of Southampton took part in a scrutiny workshop that culminated in the young people forming their own Panel and submitting a response to the consultation on Bitterne Walk-In Centre. In addition the decision to hold a meeting of the OSMC at the Southampton

Solent University Conference Centre resulted in a high number of students attending the meeting at which the issue of grants to voluntary organisations was debated.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

7. None.

Property/Other

8. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

9. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Other Legal Implications:

10. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

11. None.

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KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None directly as a result of this report.
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Appendices

1.	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2010/11
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Documents In Members' Rooms

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Integrated Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to be carried out.	No
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Other Background Documents

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