

# COUNCIL

Wednesday, 16th November 2011  
at 2.00 pm

**PLEASE NOTE TIME**

Council Chamber, Civic Centre

## **Members of the Council**

The Mayor – Chair

The Sheriff – Vice-chair

Leader of the Council

Members of the Council (See overleaf)

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

# **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

## **Role of the Council**

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

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

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

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

## **Public Involvement**

### **Representations**

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

### **Petitions**

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

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

### **Deputations**

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

## **Questions**

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

## **Southampton City Council's Seven Priorities**

- More jobs for local people
- More local people who are well educated and skilled
- A better and safer place in which to live and invest
- Better protection for children and young people
- Support for the most vulnerable people and families
- Reducing health inequalities
- Reshaping the Council for the future

**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**

<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
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.

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Tuesday, 8 November 2011

**TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL**

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

**1 APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies.

**2 MINUTES**

To authorise the signing of the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th September 2011, attached.

**3 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER**

Matters especially brought forward by the Mayor and the Leader.

**4 DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

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

**5 EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

Report of the Leader of the Council, attached.

**6 MOTIONS**

(A) Councillor Letts to move:-

This Council believes that as many Southampton residents as possible should be exclusively represented Southampton MPs.

Therefore this Council supports the proposal brought forward by Democratic Audit that 15 of the 16 wards in the city boundary of Southampton be comprised of the two Southampton parliamentary seats (Test and Itchen).

Furthermore that this request be submitted back by the Council to the Boundary Commission as the Council's position on this matter prior to the close of submissions date in December.

(B) Councillor Turner to move:-

This Council regrets the loss of the City's Youth Parliament and calls on the Executive to bring forward speedily, proposals for the development of a new and accountable way of identifying the views and priorities of young people in Southampton

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

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

**8 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES**

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

**9 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT SELF FINANCING: REFORM OF COUNCIL HOUSING FINANCE**

Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing, detailing a new funding system for the Housing Revenue Account, seeking approval for a number of schemes in the 2012/13 and recommending an approach on a number of issues, attached.

**10 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS**

Report of the Director of Corporate Services detailing the review of polling districts and polling places carried out in accordance with the obligations under the Electoral Administration Act 2006, attached.

**11 ESTABLISHMENT OF SHADOW HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

Report of the Executive Director of Health and Adult Social Care and Director of Public Health seeking approval for the establishment of a shadow Health and Wellbeing Board, attached.

**12 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PRUDENTIAL LIMITS MID YEAR REVIEW**

Report of the Head of Finance (Chief Financial Officer) detailing the Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Limits Mid Year Review, attached.

**13 INTEGRATION OF WESSEX YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM OPERATIONS FOR SOUTHAMPTON WITHIN SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL FROM APRIL 2012, INCORPORATING THE ANNUAL YOUTH JUSTICES PLAN**

Report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning seeking approval for the integration of the service and approval for the annual Youth Justice plan, attached.

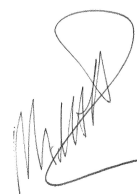
**14 SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL'S CHANGE PROGRAMME**

Report of the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive detailing recommendations in relation to Southampton City Council's Change Programme, attached.

**15 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY - SUMMARY OF CALL-IN**

To note that there has not been any use of the call-in procedure over the last six months.

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



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