

COUNCIL

Wednesday, 14th March 2012
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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WARD	COUNCILLOR	WARD	COUNCILLOR
Bargate	Bogle Noon Willacy	Millbrook	Furnell Thorpe Wells
Bassett	Hannides B Harris L Harris	Peartree	Drake Jones Dr Paffey
Bevois	Burke Barnes-Andrews Rayment	Portswood	Capozzoli Claisse Vinson
Bitterne	Fuller Letts Stevens	Redbridge	Holmes McEwing Pope
Bitterne Park	Baillie White P Williams	Shirley	Matthews Kaur 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

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

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

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

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

RULES OF PROCEDURE

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

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, 6 March 2012

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the COUNCIL to be held on WEDNESDAY, 14TH MARCH 2012 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 Meetings held on 16th November 2011 and 15th February 2012, 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 Pope to move:-

Full Council notes and welcomes the UK-wide campaign to end 'legal loan sharking'.

Full Council believes that the lack of access to affordable credit is socially and economically damaging. Unaffordable credit is causing a myriad of unwanted

effects such as poorer diets, colder homes, rent, council tax and utility arrears, depression (which impacts on job seeking behaviour) and poor health.

Full Council further notes that unaffordable credit is extracting wealth from the most deprived communities.

Full Council believes it is the responsibility of all levels of government to try to ensure affordable credit for all, and therefore pledges to use best practice to promote financial literacy and affordable lending. This will help to ensure that wealth stays in the local economy. Full Council also pledges to promote credit unions in Southampton, community based organisations offering access to affordable credit and promoting saving.

Full Council calls on the Government to introduce caps on the total lending rates that can be charged for providing credit.

Full Council further calls on the Government to give local authorities the power to veto licences for high street credit agencies where they could have negative economic or social impacts on communities.”

(b) Councillor Hannides to move:-

This Council welcomes the huge progress made towards the development of the Cultural Quarter in Northern Above Bar and in particular notes the success and popularity of the new Guildhall Square. Council welcomes and supports the SeaCity Museum which is due to open on 10th April and is committed to delivering the New Arts Complex on the former Tyrell and Green site.

(c) Councillor Smith to move:-

This Council recognises that in these tough financial times, local authorities need to make difficult decisions about spending priorities and therefore supports the Executive in reviewing the merits of fulltime union officials funded by the taxpayer and the provision of office facilities to trade unions.

(d) Councillor Dr R Williams to move:-

Council resolves to maximise its efforts to ensure all Southampton residents are registered to vote.

(e) Councillor Rayment to move:-

Full Council urges the Government to listen to the overwhelming majority of the Country's doctors, nurses and patients and to remove those controversial parts of the NHS and Social Care Bill which promote a bigger role for the private sector.

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 LOCALISM ACT 2011 – PAY POLICY

Report of the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services regarding the requirement under the Localism Act 2011 for the Council to prepare and publish a pay policy statement for the financial year 2012/13 and then for each subsequent financial year, attached.

10 DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER CIVIL SERVICE SPORTS GROUND

Report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning regarding the development of the former Civil Service Sports Ground, attached.

11 APPROVAL TO SPEND CAPITAL FUNDING ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO SCHEMES 2012/13

Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport seeking approval to Capital variations and additional funding on schemes within the Environment and Transport Capital Programme for 2012/13, attached.

12 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM

To move that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the confidential appendix attached to the following item.

Appendix 1 of this report is not for publication by virtue of category 7A of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information procedure Rules, as contained in the Council's Constitution. Appendix 1 contains confidential information, which in this context means information provided to the Council by a Government Department on terms which forbid its public disclosure or information which cannot be publicly disclosed by Court Order.

13 "PLATFORM TO PROSPERITY" - PLATFORM ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Report of the Senior Manager, Planning, Transport and Sustainability seeking approval to receive and add to the capital programme £5.595m of capital grant funding from the Department of Business and Skills towards the "Platform to Prosperity" project to deliver a road improvement scheme in Platform Road to improve access to and from the Port of Southampton. This report also seeks commitment from the Council of £1.255m of match funding in 2014/15, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M R HEATH', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

M R HEATH
Director of Corporate Services