

COUNCIL

Wednesday, 13th February, 2013
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 Tucker	Millbrook	Furnell Laming Thorpe
Bassett	Hannides B Harris L Harris	Peartree	Keogh Lewzey Dr Paffey
Bevois	Burke Barnes-Andrews Rayment	Portswood	Claisse Norris Vinson
Bitterne	Letts Lloyd Stevens	Redbridge	McEwing Pope Whitbread
Bitterne Park	White Baillie Inglis	Shirley	Chaloner Kaur Mead
Coxford	Morrell Spicer Thomas	Sholing	Mrs Blatchford Jeffery Kolker
Freemantle	Moulton Parnell Shields	Swaythling	Mintoff 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(Municipal Year 2012/13)

2012	2013
16 May	16 January
11 July	13 February (Budget)
12 September	20 March
14 November	15 May

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 "Disclosable Personal Interest" or "Other Interest" they may have in relation to matters for consideration on this Agenda.

DISCLOSABLE PERSONAL INTERESTS

A Member must regard himself or herself as having a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter that they or their spouse, partner, a person they are living with as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were a civil partner in relation to:

(i) Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.

(ii) Sponsorship:

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from Southampton City Council) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expense incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

(iii) Any contract which is made between you / your spouse etc (or a body in which the you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest) and Southampton City Council under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed, and which has not been fully discharged.

(iv) Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of Southampton.

(v) Any license (held alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of Southampton for a month or longer.

(vi) Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) the landlord is Southampton City Council and the tenant is a body in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interests.

(vii) Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of Southampton, and either:

- a) the total nominal value for the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body, or
- b) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest that exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

Other Interests

A Member must regard himself or herself as having a, 'Other Interest' in any membership of, or occupation of a position of general control or management in:

Any body to which they have been appointed or nominated by Southampton City Council

Any public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature

Any body directed to charitable purposes

Any body whose principal purpose includes the influence of public opinion or policy

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, 5 February 2013

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the COUNCIL to be held on WEDNESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 2013 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

Matters especially brought forward by the Mayor and the Leader.

3 DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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

The following petition has been received containing in excess of the 1,500 signatures required by the Council's Constitution, this now facilitates the need for debate. Under the Council's Procedure Rules this is a qualifying petition which must be debated at Council.

Keep the Youth and Play Services Open

"We the undersigned, petition the Council to take another look at the 2013 – 14 Budget Proposal (Section C18) which aims to cease all services offered by Youth Support Services. We ask – for the benefit of the children and young people of Southampton – that Southampton City Council make Youth Support and Play Services a priority for the City and re-evaluate the 2013 – 14 Budget in order to keep the services open. We want the Council to recognise the immediate and the long term Social and Economic benefits to children, young people and their families that are provided by professional Youth Support and Play in 'Prevention and Inclusion'.

Without the Youth and Play Services:

- Social of vulnerable young people will increase
- Young people and children in deprived areas will have no safe place to play or socialise
- Unemployed young people in the City will find it harder to access employment or training, and have less opportunity to engage in positive activities
- Anti-Social Behaviour, Youth Crime and Gang-related activity will increase

We do not believe that voluntary and charitable organisations will be able to offer the same level of services that is on offer now, and to shut the services now will

cost our City more both socially and economically, than the cost of the savings you are trying to make.

Your own documents show that these services reach thousands of children and young people in the City's most deprived areas. As well as cutting vital support for children and young people who access the services now, the cuts are a false economy. By stopping preventative interventions now, more expensive services will be top-loaded, at a higher cost to the City in the long term.

Reconsider the Budget and make the well-being of all the children and young people in Southampton your priority."

4 COUNCIL TAX SETTING AND RELATED MATTERS

a The General Fund Capital Programme 2012/13 to 2015/16

Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources seeking to set out the latest estimated overall financial position on the General Fund Capital Programme for 2012/13 to 2015/16, attached.

b General Fund Revenue Budget 2013/14 to 2015/16

Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources seeking to set out the latest estimated overall financial position on the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2013/14 to 2015/16 and to outline the main issues that need to be addressed in considering the Cabinet's budget and council tax proposals, attached.

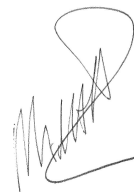
5 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET REPORT AND BUSINESS PLAN

Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Leisure Services setting out the Housing Revenue Account budget proposals and long term business plan, attached.

6 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PRUDENTIAL LIMITS 2013/14 TO 2015/16

Report of the Head of Finance regarding the Council's proposed treasury management strategy for the coming year in relation to the Council's cash flow, investment and borrowing, and the management of the numerous risks related to this activity, attached.

NOTE: There will be prayers by Rev Dr Julian Davies and Mr Billy Kennedy, from the Community Church 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