

# COUNCIL

Wednesday, 18th September,  
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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<b>WARD</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR</b>
<b>Bargate</b>	Bogle Noon Tucker	<b>Millbrook</b>	Furnell Laming Thorpe
<b>Bassett</b>	Hannides B Harris L Harris	<b>Peartree</b>	Keogh Lewzey Dr Paffey
<b>Bevois</b>	Barnes-Andrews Burke Rayment	<b>Portswood</b>	Claisse Norris Vinson
<b>Bitterne</b>	Letts Lloyd Stevens	<b>Redbridge</b>	McEwing Pope Whitbread
<b>Bitterne Park</b>	White Baillie Inglis	<b>Shirley</b>	Chaloner Kaur Mead
<b>Coxford</b>	Morrell Spicer Thomas	<b>Sholing</b>	Mrs Blatchford Jeffery Kolker
<b>Freemantle</b>	Moulton Parnell Shields	<b>Swaythling</b>	Mintoff Turner Vassiliou
<b>Harefield</b>	Daunt Fitzhenry Smith	<b>Woolston</b>	Cunio Hammond Payne

# **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.

### **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 Priorities:**

- **Economic:** Promoting Southampton and attracting investment; raising ambitions and improving outcomes for children and young people.
- **Social:** Improving health and keeping people safe; helping individuals and communities to work together and help themselves.
- **Environmental:** Encouraging new house building and improving existing homes; making the city more attractive and sustainable.
- **One Council:** Developing an engaged, skilled and motivated workforce; implementing better ways of working to manage reduced budgets and increased demand.

**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 2013/14)**

<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
15 May	12 February (Budget)
17 July	19 March
18 September	4 June*
20 November	
* Date reflects current understanding of date of European Elections which will be combined with local elections.	

## 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, 10 September 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, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 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 MINUTES**

To authorise the signing of the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013, 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

"Given the two delivery offices in Southampton, the Southampton Mail Centre and delivery offices just outside the City, this Council recognises that the Royal Mail is part of the fabric of our nation and believes that plans for its privatisation will lead to high prices, a loss of jobs that will impact on our citizens and a reduction in services for the people in our City who need those services the most. Therefore we resolve that Southampton City Council should formally sign the "Save our Royal Mail" petition to put pressure on the Government to reverse its decision and protect the country's postal services; and that the Leader of the Council should write to the Secretary of State for Business and Enterprise conveying the terms of this Resolution."

(b) Councillor Letts to move

“Given the recent changes of use of pubs in Southampton, for example the Castle at Midanbury to a Tesco store and the Hope and Anchor at Freemantle to a Co-op store, and the prospect of other pubs being similarly affected, Council notes the possibility of submitting the following proposal to the government under the Sustainable Communities Act:

‘That the Secretary of State help protect community pubs in England by ensuring that planning permission and community consultation are required before community pubs are allowed to be converted to betting shops, supermarkets and pay-day loan stores or other uses, or are allowed to be demolished.’

The Council notes that if this power was acquired it would allow the council to determine if pubs should be demolished or converted into other uses and could save many valued community pubs.

The Council resolves to submit the proposal to the government under the Sustainable Communities Act and to work together with Local Works and the Campaign for Real Ale to gain support for the proposal from other councils in the region and across the country.

(c) Councillor Fitzhenry to move

“Council notes that as part of this year’s budget the council withdrew c£500,000 of bus subsidies from bus operators in the city. Council recognises that the changes in routes that took place in June of this year following these cuts has led to real problems for many residents in the city. Council recognises that many residents no longer have a local bus and that other residents now are faced with significantly reduced services. Council believes that the current situation is not acceptable.

Council urges the Executive to urgently look at the situation and seek to improve matters with partners and that in doing so, they ensure they maximise the use of government grants and capital monies awarded to ensure bus provision is useable by all members of the community. Council also urges the Executive to reinstate the bus users forum and seek to hold an urgent meeting to discuss possible solutions.”

(d) Councillor Vinson to move

“This Council is concerned at the rising tide of litter and fly tipping across our City, and calls on the Administration to bring forward a strategy within six months, drawing on the full range of available powers and best practice elsewhere, including consideration of education, waste reduction measures, waste collection facilities, levies, penalties and rewards, to combat this more effectively.”

(e) Councillor Moulton to move

“This Council notes that Helius Energy may need to find significant local demand for the heat energy produced by its proposed biomass power station, if it is to take advantage of potential government funding or subsidies. In light of

the Council's previously stated opposition to the proposed power station, this Council agrees that in so far as is legal it will never become a customer of Helius Energy's heat output or of any companies that might in the future build or operate its scheme or one like it on a similar scale, on the same site or elsewhere in the Western Docks. On the same basis, Council makes it clear that should a large wood burning biomass power station be approved and eventually built in the Western Docks the City Council will at no stage ever directly or indirectly purchase any heat power generated by it.

Council resolves that it will write to Helius Energy to advise them accordingly, with the letter preferably signed by all 4 Group Leaders”

**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 HAMPSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE PLAN: ADOPTION**

Report of the Leader of the Council recommending to Council the adoption of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan, attached.

**10 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14 - 2015/16**

Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Sustainability seeking approval for the revised Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme, attached.

**11 THE GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012/13 TO 2015/16**

Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources seeking approval for Changes to the Capital Programme, attached

**12 SAFER CITY AND YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGY**

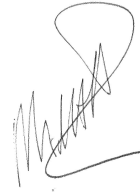
Report of the Cabinet Member for Communities, detailing the Safer City and Youth Justice Strategy for Southampton, attached.



### **13 PEOPLE DIRECTORATE TRANSFORMATION**

Report of the Cabinet Member for Change detailing the project plan for the People Directorate Transformation Programme and seeking the delegation of authority to the Director of People to act in strategic and operational matters relating to this transformation, 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 loop at the end.

**M R HEATH**  
Director of Corporate Services