

Cabinet

**Tuesday, 18th March, 2014
at 5.00 pm**

Council Chamber - Civic Centre

This meeting is open to the public

Members

Councillor Letts, Leader of the Council (Leader)
Councillor Barnes-Andrews, Cabinet Member for Resources
Councillor Jeffery, Cabinet Member for Education and Change
Councillor Kaur, Cabinet Member for Communities
Councillor Tucker, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Leisure
Councillor Rayment, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor Shields, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care
Councillor Payne, Cabinet Member for Housing and Sustainability
Councillor Chaloner, Cabinet Member for Safeguarding Services

(QUORUM – 3)

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BACKGROUND AND RELEVANT INFORMATION

The Role of the Executive

The Cabinet and individual Cabinet Members make executive decisions relating to services provided by the Council, except for those matters which are reserved for decision by the full Council and planning and licensing matters which are dealt with by specialist regulatory panels.

The Forward Plan

The Forward Plan is published on a monthly basis and provides details of all the key executive decisions to be made in the four month period following its publication. The Forward Plan is available on request or on the Southampton City Council website, www.southampton.gov.uk

Implementation of Decisions

Any Executive Decision may be “called-in” as part of the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny function for review and scrutiny. The relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel may ask the Executive to reconsider a decision, but does not have the power to change the decision themselves.

Mobile Telephones – Please turn off your mobile telephone whilst in the meeting.

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.

Executive Functions

The specific functions for which the Cabinet and individual Cabinet Members are responsible are contained in Part 3 of the Council’s Constitution. Copies of the Constitution are available on request or from the City Council website, www.southampton.gov.uk

Key Decisions

A Key Decision is an Executive Decision that is likely to have a significant

- financial impact (£500,000 or more)
- impact on two or more wards
- impact on an identifiable community

Decisions to be discussed or taken that are key

Procedure / Public Representations

Reports for decision by the Cabinet (Part A of the agenda) or by individual Cabinet Members (Part B of the agenda). Interested members of the public may, with the consent of the Cabinet Chair or the individual Cabinet Member as appropriate, make representations thereon.

Fire Procedure – In the event of a fire or other emergency, a continuous alarm will sound and you will be advised, by officers of the Council, of what action to take.

Smoking policy – The Council operates a no-smoking policy in all civic buildings.

Access – Access is available for disabled people. Please contact the Cabinet Administrator who will help to make any necessary arrangements.

Municipal Year Dates (Tuesdays)

2013	2014
21 May	21 January
18 June	18 February
16 July	18 March
20 August	15 April
15 October	
19 November	
17 December	

CONDUCT OF MEETING

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference of the Cabinet, and its Executive Members, are set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

The meeting is governed by the Executive Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Council's 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 3.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members are required to disclose, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, **both** the existence **and** nature of any "Disclosable Pecuniary Interest" or "Other Interest" they may have in relation to matters for consideration on this Agenda.

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY 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 an, '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.

AGENDA

Agendas and papers are now available via the Council's Website

1 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

2 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011, and the Council's Code of Conduct, Members to disclose any personal or pecuniary interests in any matter included on the agenda for this meeting.

NOTE: Members are reminded that, where applicable, they must complete the appropriate form recording details of any such interests and hand it to the Democratic Support Officer.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

3 STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER

4 RECORD OF THE PREVIOUS DECISION MAKING

Record of the decision making held on 21 January 2014 and 4 February 2014, attached.

5 MATTERS REFERRED BY THE COUNCIL OR BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR RECONSIDERATION (IF ANY)

There are no matters referred for reconsideration.

6 REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

There are no items for consideration

7 EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

To deal with any executive appointments, as required.

ITEMS FOR DECISION BY CABINET

8 REQUEST FOR VARIATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

To consider the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services detailing two requests for the variation of hackney carriage fares.

9 ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15 - APPROVAL TO SPEND

Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, seeking approval to spend and to provide details of the Environment and Transport capital programme 2014/15, attached.

10 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE SYSTEM APPROVING BODY

Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Sustainability detailing the operational arrangements for and seeking the delegation of authority to the Head of Planning Transport and Sustainability to establish and implement the statutory function, attached.

11 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY

Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Sustainability portfolio in respect of proposed changes to the Council's housing allocations policy, attached.

12 REPAIRS TO THE CIVIC CENTRE CLOCK TOWER

Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources seeking financial approval for Clock Tower Repairs, attached.

This report is submitted for consideration as a general exception under paragraph 15 of the Access to Information procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

The matter requires a decision to facilitate the repair of the Civic Centre Clock Tower. The urgency is linked to the need to prevent further damage to the Clock Tower and for these reasons the decision cannot be deferred for inclusion in the next Forward Plan for decision following 28 clear days notice.

13 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 report and appendices to the following Item.

Confidential report and appendices contain information deemed to be exempt from general publication based on Category 5 (legal professional privilege) and Category 3

(financial and business affairs of the Authority) of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules. It is not in the public interest to disclose this information because the overriding principle in relation to legal professional privilege favours maintaining openness of communication between lawyer and client as a fundamental principle in relation to the administration of justice. Such communications would only be disclosed in very limited circumstances where a strong argument in favour of release outweighed the primary principle of privilege. The release of such privileged advice would undermine the Council's ability to take timely and appropriate confidential legal advice in the future. The financial information contained in this report is not in the public interest to disclose as it would prejudice the Council's ability to meet its statutory duties in relation to Best Value if the information was released into the public domain and undermine the Council's ability to reach appropriate settlement arrangements in due course.

14 *PAST PRACTICE IN ASSESSING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE NON RESIDENTIAL CARE

Confidential Report of Director, People detailing a review of the implications of past practice in assessing contributions for adult social care non residential care and the proposed response, attached.

Monday, 10 March 2014

Head of Legal and Democratic Services