

# COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 18th March, 2015  
at 2.00 pm

Council Chamber - Civic Centre

## **This meeting is open to the public**

### **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>	Denness Galton 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>	Norris Claisse O'Neill
<b>Bitterne</b>	Letts Lloyd Stevens	<b>Redbridge</b>	McEwing Pope Whitbread
<b>Bitterne Park</b>	Baillie Inglis White	<b>Shirley</b>	Chaloner Coombs Kaur
<b>Coxford</b>	Morrell Spicer Thomas	<b>Sholing</b>	Mrs Blatchford Hecks Jeffery
<b>Freemantle</b>	Moulton Parnell Shields	<b>Swaythling</b>	Mintoff Painton Vassiliou
<b>Harefield</b>	Daunt Fitzhenry Smith	<b>Woolston</b>	Chamberlain 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**

**Questions:-** People who live or work in the City may ask questions of the Mayor, Chairs of Committees and Members of the Executive. (See the Council's Constitution ref Part 4 Council Procedure Rules 10.8)

**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. (See the Council's Constitution ref Part 4 Council Procedure Rules 10.1)

**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. Any member of the public wishing to address the meeting should advise the Democratic Support Officer (DSO) whose contact details are on the front sheet of the agenda.

**Deputations:-** A deputation of up to three people can apply to address the Council. A deputation may include the presentation of a petition. (See the Council's Constitution ref Part 4 Council Procedure Rules 10.7)

## **MEETING INFORMATION**

**Use of Social Media:-** The Council supports the video or audio recording of meetings open to the public, for either live or subsequent broadcast. However, if, in the Chair's opinion, a person filming or recording a meeting or taking photographs is interrupting proceedings or causing a disturbance, under the Council's Standing Orders the person can be ordered to stop their activity, or to leave the meeting

**Mobile Telephones** – Please switch your mobile telephones to silent 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.

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

- Jobs for local people
- Prevention and early intervention
- Protecting vulnerable people
- Affordable housing
- Services for all
- City pride
- A sustainable Council

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

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

<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
16 July	11 February (Budget)
17 September	18 March
19 November	20 May (AGM)

## 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 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 of 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.

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Tuesday, 10 March 2015

**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 MARCH, 2015 in the COUNCIL CHAMBER CIVIC CENTRE at 2:00pm when the following business is proposed to be transacted:-

**1 APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies.

**2 MINUTES (Pages 1 - 36)**

To authorise the signing of the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 November 2014, the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 19 November 2014 and the Council Meeting held on 11 February 2015, 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.

The following petitions concerning the future transformation of the Library Service have been received containing in total 2099 amalgamated signatures. Under the Council's Procedure Rules they therefore are a qualifying petition which must be debated at Council.

Title: The Future Transformation of Southampton Library Service

These petitions will feed into the consultation process regarding the future transformation of the Library Service and which will inform the ultimate decision.

- (i) "We the undersigned petition the Council to maintain and develop Southampton libraries as centres for reading, learning and community activities and to save our libraries from the proposed closures, reduced opening hours and cuts to staff and resources."
- (ii) "Keep Cobbett Road Library as part of the Southampton Library Service with a long term plan to safeguard it against future cuts, appreciating the amazing value it offers to the local community. Work with the local community to help keep the library innovative and offering more but not by Community Asset

- Transfer.”  
(iii) “Burgess Road Library - Save our Library.”

## 5 **EXECUTIVE BUSINESS** (Pages 37 - 44)

Report of the Leader of the Council.

## 6 **MOTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Moulton to move:

Council recognises the benefits that the Western Docks bring to the local, regional and national economy but also notes the impact that increasing amounts of docks related traffic and industry is having on neighbouring residential communities on the west of the City.

Council calls upon the Executive to work with council officers and ABP in drawing up plans to improve the appearance of the western approach to the City; to develop a green corridor with a programme of tree planting along the boundary of the docks. Council notes the opportunities presented by the refresh of the Council's Local Plan to address this matter. Council also notes the evidence that has been presented to the scrutiny inquiry into air quality, which highlights the benefits that greening this part of the City would bring; as well as improving the aesthetic appearance of the area, it would also help improve local air quality by absorbing pollution.

Furthermore Council notes the many benefits that trees can bring communities more broadly; including reducing ground maintenance budgets, helping to maintain climate equilibrium, improving water quality in rivers and streams, assisting with combating flooding, supporting a wide range of wildlife and providing health and wellbeing benefits.

This Council therefore pledges to explore broader opportunities for increased tree planting on Council owned land, and to give consideration and encouragement to initiatives that encourage tree planting elsewhere in the City.

- (b) Councillor Hecks to move:

Every year in the United Kingdom there are more than 30,000 ‘out of hospital’ cardiac arrests. Of those 30,000 less than 10% of patients survive; that is 27,000 potentially avoidable deaths. Contrast that with Norway where survival rates of 1 in 4 – 25% - significantly more than in the UK. One primary reason for that substantially greater survival rate is that in Norway training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation [CPR] is compulsory in all secondary schools. This means that many more bystanders have the knowledge to assist in an emergency prior to the arrival of the emergency services.

CPR training is simple and takes less than 30 minutes. The British Heart Foundation [BHF] has launching its ‘Nation of Lifesavers’ campaign to make

CPR training a part of the curriculum in every secondary school and college. Free training kits are available and no direct teacher involvement is required, the training being essentially led by a video presentation. There is thus no financial resource requirement from the school's budget, only a single half hour out of teaching time per year.

Council therefore RESOLVES to support the British Heart Foundation's 'Nation of Lifesavers' campaign by encouraging all secondary schools and colleges within Southampton to implement the BHF's campaign by including CPR training within the curriculum.

(c) Councillor Keogh to move:

The My Journey Commuter Challenge is an excellent initiative supported by Southampton City Council that seeks to encourage commuters in the month of May to use a mode of transport to and from work other than their car. This could be walking, cycling, or using the bus or train. Not only does this help reduce congestion and pollution in the City, it also delivers significant health benefits to the individual and supports the City Council's pledge to achieve its modal shift away from cars to other more environment friendly modes of transport.

The Council calls upon the Executive to set a target of 20% for Southampton City Council to achieve for the My Journey Commuter Challenge in May 2015.

(d) Councillor Baillie to move:

Council calls upon the Executive to ensure that all submitted suggestions and options regarding the now finished Library Consultation are fully, openly and thoroughly investigated, with special investigation and consideration given to the general positive physical & mental health improvements that a vibrant community centre such as Cobbett Road Library provides, taking particular advice from Southampton Public Health.

(e) Councillor Smith to move:

Council expresses its profound disappointment that despite inheriting from the previous Conservative Administration, a forward thinking, and radical programme for the regeneration of Southampton's Council Estates, very little progress has been made and in some respects the programme after 3 years of a Labour Administration has gone backwards. Given the huge transformational opportunity that has been wasted over the past 3 years by the current Administration and in particular the lack of clear direction and leadership shown by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Payne, Council calls for the immediate resignation of Cllr Payne and for new Cabinet leadership of the Housing and Sustainability portfolio.

## **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 CITY CENTRE ACTION PLAN: ADOPTION** ( Pages 45 - 50)

Report of the Leader of the Council seeking adoption to the City Centre Action Plan, attached.

**10 CORE STRATEGY PARTIAL REVIEW: ADOPTION** ( Pages 51 - 54)

Report of the Leader of the Council seeking approval of the Core Strategy, attached.

**11 LOCALISM ACT 2011 - APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED INDEPENDENT PERSON (S) AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE INDEPENDENT MEMBERS**  
(Pages 55 - 58)

Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services regarding the need for independent members and the appointment of Designated Independent Persons, attached.

**12 PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2015-16** (Pages 59 - 92)

To consider the report of the Head of Strategic Human Resources detailing the Annual Pay Policy for the financial year 2015/16, attached.

**13 APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER AND RECONFIRMATION OF RETURNING OFFICER AND ELECTORAL RETURNING OFFICER** (Pages 93 - 94)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive detailing the appointment of Monitoring Officer and reconfirmation of Returning Officer and Electoral Returning Officer, attached.

**14 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY: SUMMARY OF CALL IN ACTIVITY** (Pages 95 - 100)

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive detailing the use of the call-in procedure since last reported to Council in September 2014, attached.

NOTE: There will be prayers by the Mayor's Chaplain, David Adcock, 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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