

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 16th September,
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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WARD	COUNCILLOR	WARD	COUNCILLOR
Bargate	Bogle Noon Tucker	Millbrook	Denness Furnell Galton
Bassett	Hannides B Harris L Harris	Peartree	Houghton Keogh Lewzey
Bevois	Barnes-Andrews Burke Rayment	Portswood	Norris Claisse O'Neill
Bitterne	Jordan Letts Lloyd	Redbridge	McEwing Pope Whitbread
Bitterne Park	Fuller Inglis White	Shirley	Chaloner Coombs Kaur
Coxford	Morrell Spicer Thomas	Sholing	Hecks Jeffery Wilkinson
Freemantle	Moulton Parnell Shields	Swaythling	Mintoff Painton Vassiliou
Harefield	Daunt Fitzhenry Smith	Woolston	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

Proposed dates of meetings (Municipal year 2015/16)

2015	2016
15 July	10 February (Budget)
16 September	16 March
18 November	18 May (AGM)*

*Date subject to the election schedule

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, 8 September 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, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 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 - 18)

To authorise the signing of the minutes of the Council Meeting and the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 15 July, 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.

5 EXECUTIVE BUSINESS (Pages 19 - 32)

Report of the Leader of the Council, attached.

6 MOTIONS

(a) Councillor White to move:

The City Council recognises the CCG desire to improve the Community Services within the City but because of the lack of Health services on the East and associated transport problems we request that those Walk In facilities at the Bitterne Walk In Centre be maintained. Furthermore the minimal savings (less than 0.3% of the CCG Budget) from the Walk In Centre closure be found from services in general rather than lose a service valued by those on the East.

(b) Councillor Lewzey to move:

This Council supports the aim of reducing the stigma and resulting discrimination often experienced by people affected by mental health issues. We support the 'Time to Change' campaign being planned for the weeks around World Mental Health Day on

10th October 2015 to publicise the need to change the way that we all behave towards people who have mental health issues.

Public understanding of the reality of mental health issues has been improving in recent years but much remains to be done. One in four of us will experience a significant mental health concern. Each of those people will have family members or other close relationships who will be affected as a result. All of us will know someone as family or friend, or study with someone or work with someone who is affected. Mental health issues can affect young people, people of working age or older people. The impact on people in family, working, educational or social life can be profound.

We recognise that if we are to be successful in changing stigma and discrimination we need all parts of the city's population and organisations to contribute. This will be of special concern to people who use services, carers and organisations working in partnership to provide help with mental health.

Since mental health is everyone's business Council Members, together with others in Southampton, will be offered the chance to attend a number of events and activities during October.

Of special note is the initiative being taken by OSMC and the special City Council Scrutiny Panel that will be looking at the situation for people with dementia in Southampton and how the City is progressing in order to become a fully Dementia-friendly city.

(c) Councillor Fuller to move:

This Council recognises the important role libraries play in the social fabric of our city and calls on the Executive to commit to keeping Southampton's library buildings open. The contribution libraries make cannot simply be measured in the number of books borrowed. Many of our libraries have also developed into vibrant community centres, without any additional cost to the Council. These centres have become vital community hubs that have enriched and helped bond local communities. A safe and secure place for children, an enriching and motivating environment, a place for getting back on your feet or simply somewhere to reflect quietly - our libraries provide all of these and our residents need and deserve them.

NOTE: This motion has been submitted under Council Procedure Rule 16 as it was considered at a Council meeting on 18 March 2015 (i.e. in the past six months) and as required, the notice of motion has been signed by one third of the Members of the Council.

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 DEVELOPING PROPOSALS FOR DEVOLVED POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

□ (Pages 33 - 48)

Report of the Leader of the Council seeking approval to develop a proposal, with the other Hampshire and Isle of Wight Councils, to bring about devolution of powers and responsibilities from Central Government to the wider Hampshire area, attached.

10 EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16 & 2016/17 (Pages 49 - 58)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Social Care summarising the key programmes and projects relating to school expansion, repair and maintenance, seeking approval to additions to the overall programme and approval to spend on key projects, attached.

11 EXPANSION OF SPRINGWELL SPECIAL SCHOOL (Pages 59 - 64)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Social Care detailing proposals and costs for a multi-phase expansion of Springwell Special School to meet current and forecast demand, attached.

12 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY: SUMMARY OF CALL IN ACTIVITY

To note that Call-In has been received regarding the Libraries Report which will be submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 10 September and will be reported to Council on the next scheduled Call-In Report date.

NOTE: There will be prayers by Reverend Doctor Julian Davies 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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