

# COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 17th March, 2021  
at 2.00 pm

Virtual Meeting

A link to this meeting will be available on Southampton City Council's website at least 24hrs before the meeting

## **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 Dr Paffey	<b>Millbrook</b>	G Galton S Galton Taggart
<b>Bassett</b>	Hannides B Harris L Harris	<b>Peartree</b>	Bell Houghton Keogh
<b>Bevois</b>	Barnes-Andrews Kataria Rayment	<b>Portswood</b>	Cooper Mitchell Savage
<b>Bitterne</b>	Murphy Prior Streets	<b>Redbridge</b>	McEwing Spicer Whitbread
<b>Bitterne Park</b>	Fuller Harwood White	<b>Shirley</b>	Chaloner Coombs Kaur
<b>Coxford</b>	Professor Margetts Renyard T Thomas	<b>Sholing</b>	J Baillie Guthrie Vaughan
<b>Freemantle</b>	Leggett Shields Windle	<b>Swaythling</b>	Bunday Fielker Mintoff
<b>Harefield</b>	P Baillie Fitzhenry Laurent	<b>Woolston</b>	Mrs Blatchford 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. By entering the meeting room you are consenting to being recorded and to the use of those images and recordings for broadcasting and or/training purposes. The meeting may be recorded by the press or members of the public.

Any person or organisation filming, recording or broadcasting any meeting of the Council is responsible for any claims or other liability resulting from them doing so.

Details of the Council's Guidance on the recording of meetings is available on the Council's website.

**Mobile Telephones** – Please switch your mobile telephones to silent whilst in the meeting.

Southampton: Corporate Plan 2020-2025 sets out the four key outcomes:

- Communities, culture & homes - Celebrating the diversity of cultures within Southampton; enhancing our cultural and historical offer and using these to help transform our communities.
- Green City - Providing a sustainable, clean, healthy and safe environment for everyone. Nurturing green spaces and embracing our waterfront.
- Place shaping - Delivering a city for future generations. Using data, insight and vision to meet the current and future needs of the city.
- Wellbeing - Start well, live well, age well, die well; working with other partners and other services to make sure that customers get the right help at the right time

**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

**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.

Proposed dates of meetings	
2020	2021
15 July	24 February (Budget)
16 September	17 March
18 November	19 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

#### **RULES OF PROCEDURE**

The meeting is governed by the Council Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the 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 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, 9 March 2021

**TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL**

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the COUNCIL to be held on WEDNESDAY, 17TH MARCH, 2021 virtually via Microsoft Teams at 2:00pm 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 Meetings held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 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 (Pages 1 - 10)**

Report of the Leader of the Council outlining business undertaken by the Executive since November 2020.

**6 MOTIONS**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Bunday

This Council supports opportunities for our young people and urges the Secretary of State for Education to lobby the Treasury to restore the per student FE funding back to the 2010 level and to ensure the current apprenticeship system is fit for purpose and offers our young people the greatest number of apprenticeships and of the highest quality. This Council will send a letter signed by all Members and the City's three MP's to demonstrate their support for this motion.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Shields

This Council notes with alarm how the number of people in Southampton claiming Universal Credit has more than doubled over the past year. The prospect of further increases in the number of people in the City forced to claim out of work benefits when

temporary measures introduced by Government to mitigate against coronavirus come to an end in the autumn are truly frightening.

This Council applauds the invaluable role played by local civic society in responding to challenges presented by the pandemic not least with respect to the mushrooming of mutual aid organisations to co-ordinate action at a local neighbourhood level in tackling poverty.

This Council therefore commits to:

1. developing a whole City approach to tackling poverty and deprivation at a local neighbourhood level taking as a key start point the recommendations of the City's Fairness Commission
2. maintaining financial and other support for local voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations in campaigning against and taking practical measures to mitigate the impact of poverty
3. lobbying Government via the LGA and others to ensure that temporary measures taken to uplift Universal Credit levels during the coronavirus pandemic are made permanent until such time as the welfare system is reviewed.

(c) Proposed by Councillor Guthrie

Southampton is a city with a rich maritime past, one that is marked by grand, striking events involving a range of historical figures. Around Southampton, monuments, memorials and statues tell the story of a city that has become woven into the fabric of world history, and it is a story that continues to be written.

This Council recognises that it has a responsibility to be true and proper custodians of the city's past, to allow all Southampton residents and more to enjoy and discover the city's roots and the journey it has undertaken throughout history.

Therefore, this Council commits to never arbitrarily extract or displace any monument, memorial or statue and to subject the decision for the permanent removal of any historical item categorised as such to the residents of Southampton through local referenda. By involving residents in these decisions, this Council will ensure protection for Southampton's legacy is strengthened by direct democratic consent and consolidated under the rule of law.

## **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 PAY POLICY 2021 - 2022** (Pages 11 - 24)

Report of the Chief Executive detailing the Pay Policy 2021 – 2022.

**10 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - EXEMPT 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 exempt appendix to the following Item.

The appendix is considered to be exempt from general publication based on Category 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules. It is not in the public interest to disclose this information as the appendix contains commercially sensitive information in relation to Southampton's UK City of Culture Bid. It would prejudice Southampton 2025 Trust's ability (on behalf of Southampton) to fairly and competitively bid to become UK City of Culture 2025 if this information were to be in the public domain at this time.

**11 BID TO BE UK CITY OF CULTURE: FUTURE COUNCIL SUPPORT (Pages 25 - 38)**

Report of the Cabinet Member for Culture and Homes seeking approval to progress the bid to be the UK City of Culture 2025.



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