

# COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 17th November,  
2021  
at 4.00 pm

Guildhall, Southampton

## **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 Moulton
<b>Bassett</b>	Hannides B Harris L Harris	<b>Peartree</b>	Houghton Bell J Payne
<b>Bevois</b>	Rayment Denness Kataria	<b>Portswood</b>	Cooper Mitchell Savage
<b>Bitterne</b>	Magee Prior Streets	<b>Redbridge</b>	Guest McEwing Spicer
<b>Bitterne Park</b>	Fuller Harwood White	<b>Shirley</b>	Chaloner Coombs Kaur
<b>Coxford</b>	D Galton Professor Margetts Renyard	<b>Sholing</b>	J Baillie Guthrie Vaughan
<b>Freemantle</b>	Leggett Shields Windle	<b>Swaythling</b>	Bunday Fielker Vassiliou
<b>Harefield</b>	P Baillie Fitzhenry Laurent	<b>Woolston</b>	Hammond W Payne Stead

## **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.

<b>Proposed dates of meetings</b>	
<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
21 July	23 February (Budget)
15 September	16 March
17 November	18 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 November 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 NOVEMBER, 2021 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 - 10)**

To authorise the signing of the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 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 LOCAL APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS (Pages 11 - 24)**

Report of the Executive Director for Finance, Commercialisation and S151 Officer setting out proposals for appointing the external auditor to the Council for the 2023/24 accounts and beyond.

**6 RIVER ITCHEN FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME □ (Pages 25 - 38)**

Report of Councillor Galton, Cabinet Member for Environment detailing the River Itchen Flood Alleviation Scheme.

**7 SOUTHAMPTON - MUMBAI TWINNING (Pages 39 - 48)**

Report of the Deputy Leader of the Council seeking agreement to the signing of an Memorandum Of Understanding with our counterparts in Mumbai, signalling our intention to 'twin' with Mumbai, and agreeing that we will further discussions towards the ambition of agreeing a Civic Twinning arrangement.

**8 INTEGRATED TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS PROGRAMME 2021/22 - APPROVAL TO SPEND □ (Pages 49 - 62)**

Report of the Cabinet Member for Growth seeking approval to spend on the Integrated Transport and Highways Programme 2021/22.

**9 DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION PLEDGE** (Pages 63 - 72)

Report of the Leader of the Council seeking approval for the formal adoption of a Diversity and Inclusion pledge linked to the Equalities Act 2010. The pledge seeks to commit the Council as a colleagues, an employer and partner in exceeding our responsibilities under the legislation and ensuring we support all those that work with the Council and be the most Diverse and Inclusive Employer that the Council can be.

**10 GAMBLING ACT STATEMENT OF LICENSING PRINCIPLES** (Pages 73 - 178)

Report of Executive Director of Communities, Culture and Homes proposing the adoption of the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy after its triennial review.

**11 EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT NOVEMBER 2021** (Pages 179 - 186)

Report of the Leader of the Council outlining Executive Business conducted since October 2021.

**12 MOTIONS**

(a) Moved by Councillor Mitchell

“This council recognises the urgency of tackling the climate crisis, particularly for Southampton, which as a coastal city will face many of the worst consequences of climate change.

This council accepts that relying on the Government’s 2050 Net Zero target for our city is too late and lacks ambition. Council commits to take the lead in tackling the climate crisis during this decisive decade and pledges to make the city of Southampton Net Zero by 2035.”

(b) Moved by Councillor Margetts

“This council recognises that childhood poverty in Southampton has a detrimental outcome for future generations in our city. Council further notes that initiatives such as the Right to Food seek to ensure that food is sustainability produced, meets dietary needs and is both available and affordable. Food security can be achieved through action such as Universal Free School Meals, Community Kitchens, and calculating wage rates for families to be able to afford a healthy diet.

This Council is committed to ending food poverty in our city and therefore commits to:

1. Join other cities across the UK, including Portsmouth, to declare Southampton a *Right to Food City*
2. Build on SCC’s child obesity strategy by taking steps to support community kitchens and local food initiatives
3. Designate a lead member for food poverty in Southampton to champion and

- coordinate cross-party and multi-agency efforts across the city
4. Write to all three Southampton MPs to ask them to support legislation to enshrine a Right to Food into UK Law”.

**13 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.

**14 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES**

To deal with any appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees or other bodies as required.



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