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SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
17 MAY 2017

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Present:

The Mayor, Councillor L Harris  
The Sheriff, Councillor Barnes-Andrews  
Councillors P Baillie, J Baillie, Barnes-Andrews, Mrs Blatchford, Bogle,  
Burke, Chaloner, Claisse, Coombs, Denness, Fitzhenry, Fuller, Furnell,  
Hammond, Hannides, B Harris, Hecks, Houghton, Inglis, Jordan, Kaur,  
Keogh, Laurent, Letts, Lewzey, McEwing, Mintoff, Morrell, Moulton, Murphy,  
Noon, Dr Paffey, Painton, Parnell, Payne, Pope, Rayment, Savage, Shields,  
Taggart, D Thomas, T Thomas, Vassiliou, Whitbread and White

2. CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON AWARD

**COUNCILLOR McEWING IN THE CHAIR**

RESOLVED upon the motion of the Mayor (Councillor McEwing) and seconded by the Sherriff (Councillor L Harris), that the City of Southampton Award be presented to Mr Paul Upton and Mrs Jennie Upton.

3. TO ELECT A MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

RESOLVED upon the motion of Councillor Hannides and seconded by Councillor Letts, that Councillor L Harris be elected to the Office of 795<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Southampton and Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

The Mayor (Councillor L Harris) then made and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. MAYOR'S CHARITIES

**THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR L HARRIS) IN THE CHAIR**

The Mayor announced that he would be supporting as his charities Southampton Children's Hospital and the Southampton Sea Cadets.

5. TO ELECT A SHERIFF FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

RESOLVED upon the motion of Councillor Burke and seconded by Councillor Parnell that Councillor Barnes-Andrews be appointed the 580<sup>th</sup> Sheriff of the City of Southampton and Vice-Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

The Sheriff (Councillor Barnes-Andrews then made and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

6. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

RESOLVED upon the motion of Councillor Rayment and seconded by Cllr Moulton that the Council places on record its appreciation for the distinguished manner in which Councillor McEwing had discharged the duties of the Mayor of the City during the period of her term of office.

7. SOUTHAMPTON BUSINESS SUCCESS

RESOLVED that the Southampton Business Success Award be presented to Hammerson, Westquay, Southampton and Mettricks Limited.

8. APOLOGIES

It was noted that apologies had been received from Councillors O'Neill and Wilkinson.

9. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th March 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

(i) Sholing Junior School – Winners of the Big Pedal Active Travel Competition

The Mayor presented Sholing Junior School with an award for their achievements in the Big Pedal Active Travel Competition which was the UK's largest active travel competition with 1,700 schools taking part.

(ii) Employee of the Year Awards

The Leader presented the following awards:

Employee of the Year Awards:

- Amanda Luker – Commissioner
- Christopher Baldwin – Workshop Manager
- Claire Elton – Senior Solicitor

Manager of the Year:

- Liz Whale – Information, Skills and Area Manager for the Library Service
- Graham Tuck – Planning Policy Group Leader

Team of the Year:

- Housing Allocations Team

Most Thanked Team of 2017:

- Business Support

(iii) Training

The Mayor reminded Members of a number of training sessions that had been arranged and encouraged Members to attend.

(iv) Social Media

For the benefit of Members, the Mayor referred to the wi-fi that was available in the Council Chamber and that the use of mobile electronic devices could therefore be used in the Chamber and in Committee Meetings.

The Mayor urged Members to use their good sense and behave with courtesy, particularly in not tweeting messages which would otherwise be in breach of the Council's rules or the law. For example, tweeting material discussed in confidential session would be a serious breach.

The Mayor also informed Members that as in previous years the fine for mobile phones ringing was £25 which would go to the Mayor's charities.

(v) Courtesy in the Chamber

The Mayor referred to the need for meetings to run efficiently and effectively, and asked Members to keep in mind throughout the year the basic courtesies that needed to be adhered to both in timeliness in arriving at the meeting and listening carefully to the debate.

The Mayor further requested that for the benefit of the public, Members remain in the seat allocated, or if they wished to move, they give notice of their intention prior to the next meeting so that the copies displayed in the public gallery could be amended.

## 11. ELECTION OF THE LEADER

The nomination of Councillor Letts was moved and seconded.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE IT WAS:

RESOLVED: that Councillor Letts be elected as Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

Following his election as Leader, Councillor Letts informed the Council of his Cabinet and their Portfolio responsibilities.

Education and Skills – Councillor Dr Paffey  
Health and Sustainable Living – Councillor Shields  
Finance - Councillor Chaloner  
Communities, Culture and Leisure – Councillor Kaur  
Transformation Projects - Councillor Hammond

Deputy Leader (Internal) and Environment and Transport – Councillor Rayment

Deputy Leader (External) and Housing and Adult Care – Councillor Payne  
Children’s Social Care – Councillor Lewzey

The Leader then informed Members of the content of each of the Portfolios and announced that these would be incorporated into the scheme of Executive Delegation in the Constitution.

## 12. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

With the consent of the meeting, Councillor Barnes-Andrews, Chair of the Governance Committee, moved the report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance detailing the annual review of the Council’s Constitution and Councillor Letts seconded:

A confidential session was requested by Members in order to debate the report fully.

RESOLVED: that the Chair moved 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 agenda item 7.

Confidentiality was based on Categories 1 and 7 of paragraph 10.4 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules. The information contained therein was potentially exempt as it related to individual personal details and information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime. Having applied the public interest test it was not appropriate to disclose this information as the individuals’ legal expectation of privacy outweighed the public interest in the exempt information.

Amendment moved by Councillor Barnes-Andrews and seconded by Councillor Letts:

“That recommendations relating to the Employment and Appeals Panel be removed from the report and that discussions take place with Group Leaders and Members of Governance Committee with further recommendations relating to Employment and Appeals Panel to be submitted to July Council for decision”.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR BARNES-ANDREWS WAS DECLARED CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the changes to the Constitution and associated arrangements as set out in the report be approved with the exception of Employment and Appeals Panel;
- (ii) That discussions take place with Group Leaders and Members of Governance Committee with further recommendations relating to Employment and Appeals Panel be submitted to July Council for decision;
- (iii) That the Service Director: Legal and Governance be authorised to finalise the arrangements as approved by Full Council and make any further consequential or minor changes arising from the decision of Council; and
- (iv) That the City Council’s Constitution as amended, including the Officer Scheme of Delegation for the Municipal Year 2017/18 be approved.

13. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

RESOLVED that subject to certain decisions that may from time to time be made by the Council, the following Committees, Sub-Committees and other bodies be appointed with the allocation of seats to political groups shown therein and they be delegated authority to act within their Terms of Reference:

<b>Political Group</b>	<b>Seats on Council</b>	<b>%</b>
Labour	25	52.08
Conservative	19	39.58
Councillors Against Cuts	3	6.25
Independent	1	2.08

<b>Committees</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Councillors Against Cuts</b>	<b>No. of Seats</b>
Overview and Scrutiny Management (10)	Cllr Furnell Cllr Whitbread Cllr Murphy Cllr Coombs 4	Cllr Fitzhenry Cllr Fuller Cllr Hannides Cllr Moulton 4	Cllr Morrell Cllr T. Thomas  2	10
Planning and Rights of Way (7)	Cllr Denness Cllr Murphy Cllr Savage Cllr Barnes-Andrews 4	Cllr Claisse Cllr Hecks Cllr Wilkinson  3	0	7
Employment and Appeals Panel (7)	Cllr Burke Cllr Taggart Cllr Noon Cllr Whitbread 4	Cllr B Harris Cllr White Cllr Wilkinson  3	0	7
Chief Officer Employment Panel (6)	Cllr Letts Cllr Payne Cllr Rayment 3	Cllr Fitzhenry Cllr Hannides Cllr Moulton 3	0	6
Licensing Committee (10) (Min 10 – max 13)	Cllr Furnell Cllr Mrs Blatchford Cllr McEwing Cllr Bogle Cllr Lewzey 5	Cllr B. Harris Cllr Painton Cllr Parnell Cllr J. Baillie  4	Vacancy  1	10
Governance Committee (7)	Cllr Barnes-Andrews Cllr Jordan Cllr Keogh Cllr Noon	Cllr Parnell Cllr Inglis Cllr O'Neill		7

	4	3	0	
<b>Sub-Committees</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Councillors Against Cuts</b>	<b>No. of Seats</b>
Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel (7)	Cllr Bogle Cllr Mintoff Cllr Noon Cllr Savage	Cllr Houghton Cllr P. Baillie Cllr White	0	7
	4	3		
Scrutiny Panel (7)	4	3	0	7
Children's and Families Scrutiny Panel (7)	Cllr Keogh Cllr Taggart Cllr Murphy Cllr Burke	Cllr Laurent Cllr Painton Cllr O'Neill		7
	4	3	0	
Licensing General Sub-Committee (5) (Membership must come from membership of Licensing Committee)	Cllr Furnell Cllr Mrs Blatchford Cllr Jordan	Cllr Painton Cllr Parnell		5
	3	2	0	
Standards Sub-Committee (3)	2	1	0	3
Standards Appeal Sub-Committee (3)	2	Cllr O'Neill 1	0	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>79</b>

2. Appointment to Committees/Sub-Committees and other bodies NOT subject to political proportionality and therefore not included in the above calculations.

<b>Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Councillors Against Cuts</b>	<b>No. of Seats</b>
Licensing and Gambling Sub-Committee				3

(3) (Any 3 Members drawn from the Licensing Committee membership on rotation basis)				
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<b>Other bodies</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Councillors Against Cuts</b>	<b>No. of Seats</b>
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority (1)	Cllr Mintoff 1	0	0	3
South East Employers (3 + 3 Deputies)	Cllr Whitbread (Deputy)  1+1 Deputy	Cllr O'Neill Cllr Parnell (Deputy)  1+1 Deputy	1+1 Deputy	3 + 3
Local Democracy and Accountability Network for Councillors (2)	0	Cllr Parnell  1	1	2
Partnership for Urban South Hampshire – Overview and Scrutiny Committee (1)	0	Cllr Moulton  1	0	1
Hampshire Police and Crime Panel (1) <i>(Overall proportionality is calculated across the County. This</i>	Cllr Rayment  1	0	0	1

<i>may require a change in appointment)</i>				
Health and Well-Being Board	<p>Council determines the number of places allocated to Elected Members on the Board.</p> <p>The decision as to who to appoint is an Executive Function. Council is requested to determine the membership of the Board as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 Elected Members of Southampton City Council</li> <li>• Statutory Director for Public Health (Interim Director)</li> <li>• Statutory Director for Adult (Interim Service Director, Housing, Adults and Communities)</li> <li>• Statutory Director Children's Services (Service Director, Children's and Families Services)</li> <li>• Representative of the Clinical Commissioning Group</li> <li>• Representative of Healthwatch</li> <li>• Representative of NHS Commissioning Board's Wessex Area Team</li> </ul>			
Chipperfield Trust	All 48 Members to be appointed to Chipperfield Trust			

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>
Overview and Scrutiny Management	Councillor Fitzhenry
Planning and Rights of Way Panel	Councillor Denness
Employment and Appeals Panel	Cllr Noon
Chief Officer Employment Panel	Councillor Letts
Licensing Committee	Councillor Mrs Blatchford
Governance Committee	Cllr Barnes-Andrews
Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Cllr Bogle
Scrutiny Panel	Appoint as and when needed
Licensing General Sub-Committee	Appoint as and when needed
Licensing and Gambling Sub-Committee	Appoint as and when needed
Standards Sub-Committee	Appoint as and when needed
Standards Appeal Sub-Committee	Appoint as and when needed
Children's and Families Scrutiny Panel	Cllr Keogh

#### 14. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The Council approved the following dates for meetings of the Council in the 2017/18 Municipal Year:

- 19th July 2017
- 20th September 2017
- 15th November 2017
- 21st February 2018 (Budget)



21st March 2018

16th May 2018

## 15. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

It was noted that no requests for deputations, petitions or public questions had been received.

## 16. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Leader and the Cabinet made statements and responded to Questions.

The following questions were then submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.1

1. John Ransom Horse Trough Grade II Listed  
Question from Councillor Claisse to Councillor Kaur

The John Ransom trough on The Avenue which I understand is grade II listed has been damaged and left for many months. Is it correct that the Council is refusing to repair it?

Answer

Southampton has a wealth of historic monuments that all need appropriate care and attention. We are working with Historic England to carry out a survey of all the monuments in the City, so we can establish what needs to be done for each item. In the meantime officers are considering a potential relocation of The John Ransom trough.

2. Public Spaces Protection Orders  
Question from Councillor Claisse to Councillor Rayment

Since the PSPO's have been created in Southampton. I understand that 1 prosecution was concluded by the Council in December 2016, with the Court giving a 12 month conditional discharge. Was it worth creating the PSPO's?

Answer

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 gave local authorities the power to make Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO's) to tackle activities carried out in a public place which have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. Five orders were made across the city after public consultation based on historical evidence that showed they were necessary.

The Police have issued fixed penalties to individuals begging, predominantly in the city centre. It is true that the fixed penalties have not been paid and that follow-up formal action is difficult when a person has no fixed abode. In December 2016, the first individual was prosecuted for begging and the Magistrates gave a conditional discharge on conviction.

The PSPO's do give a clear indication that certain activities carried out in public places will not be tolerated. The associated signage has a deterrent effect for all but the most persistent offenders.

Enforcement alone was never going to resolve the problem of people begging in the city, but linked to other initiatives PSPO's remain an important and necessary part of the overall approach.

17. MOTIONS

It was noted that the motion in the name of Cllr Denness had been withdrawn.

18. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO THE CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES OR THE MAYOR

It was noted that there were no questions from Members to the Chairs of Committees or the Mayor.

19. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY: ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

The report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee detailing the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee Annual Report 2016/17 in accordance with the Council's Constitution was noted.

20. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY: SUMMARY OF CALL IN ACTIVITY

It was noted that there had been no call-ins since the last report was submitted to Council.

Chair



19 July 2017