

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 15th March, 2023
at 2.00 pm

Council Chamber - Civic Centre

This meeting is open to the public

Members of the Council

The Lord 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 Dr Paffey	Millbrook	Furnell G Galton Moulton
Bassett	Blackman Hannides L Harris	Peartree	Houghton Keogh J Payne
Bevois	Rayment Denness Kataria	Portswood	Cooper Mitchell Savage
Bitterne	Frampton Magee Prior	Redbridge	Guest McEwing Goodfellow
Bitterne Park	T Bunday Fuller White	Shirley	Coombs Kaur Winning
Coxford	D Galton Professor Margetts Renyard	Sholing	J Baillie Guthrie Vaughan
Freemantle	Leggett Shields Windle	Swaythling	M Bunday Fielker Vassiliou
Harefield	Laurent P Baillie Fitzhenry	Woolston	Blatchford 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 Lord 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 Lord 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 Lord 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 or other IT to silent whilst in the meeting.

Southampton: Corporate Plan 2022-2030 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	
2022	2023
20 July	22 February (Budget)
14 September	15 March
16 November	17 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, 7 March 2023

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the COUNCIL to be held on WEDNESDAY, 15TH MARCH, 2023 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 held on 16th November, 2022 and 22nd February, 2023.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LORD MAYOR AND LEADER

Matters especially brought forward by the Lord Mayor and the Leader.

4 DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To receive any requests for Deputations, Presentation of Petitions or Public Questions.

The following petition has been received which under the Council's Procedure Rules is a qualifying petition which must be debated at Council.

- (i) Say NO to Southampton City Council's proposal to close part of Portswood Broadway to through traffic (2868 signatures)

5 PAY POLICY 2023 - 2024 (Pages 19 - 36)

Report of the Chief Executive seeking approval of the Pay Policy for 2023-2024.

6 CORPORATE PARENTING ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022 (Pages 37 - 82)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Children and Learning detailing the Corporate Parenting Annual Report for 2021-2022.

7 HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND APRIL 2023-MARCH 2024 □ (Pages 83 - 114)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Customer Engagement detailing the Household Support Fund April 2023-March 2024.

8 EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT (Pages 115 - 120)

The Leader will present the Executive Business Report to Full Council.

9 MOTIONS

(a) Proposed by Councillor Blackman

“The Southampton Young Carer Strategy 2021 to 2026 has a vision that Southampton is a city where children and young carers have the same opportunities as other children to get a good start in life, so they can fulfil their potential and become successful adults.

The Southampton Young Carer Strategy notes that in 20/21 some 420 young people in Southampton were in touch with the Young Carer Service with 80 receiving regular support.

Caring for someone can be very isolating, worrying, and stressful. For young and young adult carers, this can negatively impact on their experiences and outcomes in education, having a lasting effect on their life chances.

Each year Carers Trust organises Young Carers Action Day (YCAD) to raise public awareness of the challenges faced by young people because of their caring role, and to campaign for greater support for young and young adult carers to meet their needs. Young Carers Action Day is 15 March 2023 and this year’s theme is ‘Make Time for Young Carers’.

Council resolves that we commend the young and young adult carers across Southampton and that we promote YCAD on an annual basis. We also continue in the context of the Southampton Young Carer Strategy to promote and work with local care organisations.

Council resolves that the Leader of the Council writes to the Government calling on them to ensure that young carers are actively identified and provided with the support they need. In addition, the Leader writes to our three local Members of Parliament and ask them to join the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Young Carers and Young Adult Carers.”

(b) Proposed by Councillor Keogh

“Councils up and down the country are facing unprecedented financial pressures which are not of their own making but due to national policy; Southampton is no exception.

Government measures to reduce public sector spending in the previous decade have seen a significant reduction in local government funding, with the Council’s settlement funding assessment reducing by almost a half.

What is clearly needed is a long-term plan from national government to change their direction and offer fairer, long-term funding to local authorities.

Southampton City Council alongside other councils has been let down by this Government failing to properly fund and protect public services, so this Council joins other Councils of all political backgrounds, in calling for clear action to improve the financial outlook for local authorities.

This morning the Chancellor will have delivered his budget statement to Parliament. For the good of the residents of Southampton, should the Chancellor's statement fail to deliver a funding step change that offers long-term financial stability to councils that Southampton communities deserve, Council resolves that the Leader of the Council writes immediately to the Prime Minister highlighting the injustices, the shortfalls contained within impact on the city's residents and requests fair and sustainable funding for local government."

(c) Proposed by Councillor Winning

"Southampton City Council believes that care experienced people face significant barriers that impact them throughout their lives. Despite the resilience of many care experienced people, society too often does not take their needs into account. Care experienced people often face barriers and stigma across housing, health, education, relationships, employment and in the criminal justice system.

As corporate parents, councillors have a collective responsibility for providing the best possible care and safeguarding for the children who are looked after by us as an authority. All corporate parents should commit to acting as mentors, hearing the voices of looked after children and young people and to consider their needs in any aspect of council work. Councillors should be champions of our looked after children and challenge the negative attitudes and prejudice that exists in all aspects of society.

Southampton City Council therefore resolves that when making any decisions in relation to its policies or formulating its Council Plan it recognises that care experienced people are a vulnerable group who face barriers to access to services and opportunities. That in the delivery of Council services the Council includes consideration of the elimination of barriers to and promotion of opportunities for care experience and this be included alongside reporting of the Council's compliance with its Public Sector Equality Duty.

That this Council will treat care experience in a similar manner to a Protected Characteristic so that future services and policies made and adopted by the Council should be assessed through equality impact assessments updated to include consideration of care experienced to determine the impact of changes on people with care experience, alongside those who share a Protected Characteristic. To formally call upon all other bodies to treat care experience in a similar manner and to actively remove barriers and promote opportunities for them until such time as it may be introduced by legislation as a protected group. For the Council to proactively seek out and listen to the voices of care experienced people when developing new policies based on their views."

10 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.

11 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

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

NOTE: There will be prayers by the Lord Mayor's Chaplain Will Rosie 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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