

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 16th November,
2022 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	Magee Prior	Redbridge	Guest McEwing Goodfellow
Bitterne Park	Bunday Fuller White	Shirley	Coombs Kaur Winning
Coxford	D Galton Professor Margetts Renyard	Sholing	J Baillie Guthrie Vaughan
Freemantle	Leggett Shields Windle	Swaythling	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 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	
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, 8 November 2022

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 NOVEMBER, 2022 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 - 8)

To authorise the signing of the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20th July, 2022 attached.

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.

5 TRANSFORMING CITIES UPDATE REPORT □ (Pages 9 - 94)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Transport and District Regeneration providing an update on TCF (Transforming Cities Fund) programme seeking approval for delegation of decision to accept funding and implement scheme proposals.

6 FLEXIBLE CAPITAL RECEIPTS STRATEGY (Pages 95 - 102)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Change seeking approval of the Flexible Capital Receipts Strategy.

7 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON CIVIC UNIVERSITY AGREEMENT (Pages 103 - 144)

Report of the Chief Executive seeking approval to enter into the University of Southampton Civic University Agreement.

8 MEMBER'S ALLOWANCE SCHEME (Pages 145 - 186)

Under the Local Government (Members Allowance) (England) Regulations 2003, local authorities are required to have Independent Remuneration Panels for the purpose of

reviewing their schemes of Members' allowances. Southampton City Council is required to review its scheme by 19 November 2022 at the latest and have regard to the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel before adoption of a new one.

9 MOTIONS

(a) Moved by Councillor Guthrie

Southampton City Council notes that 1 in 4 adults and one child in six will experience a mental health problem in any year, mental ill health costs some £119 billion each year in England alone. Southampton has higher proportions of GP registered patients with deprivation and severe mental illness than the England average, risk factors linked to poor mental health can include deprivation, poor physical health, loneliness, lack of social interaction and a range of other individual factors including social relationships. People with severe mental illness in England die on average 15-20 years earlier than the general population and timely diagnosis, treatment and support can improve long term health and wellbeing. The Covid-19 pandemic and the current pressure on the cost of living has put extra strain on people's mental health, and this is likely to last for some time after.

This Council believes as a local authority we have a crucial role to play in improving the mental health of everyone in our community and tackling some of the widest and most entrenched inequalities in health. Mental health should be a priority across all the local authority's areas of responsibility. All councillors, whether members of the Executive or Scrutiny and in our community and casework roles, can play a positive role in championing mental health on an individual and strategic basis.

This Council resolves to sign the Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge run by Centre for Mental Health, we have and will continue to commit to appointing an elected member as 'mental health champion' across the Council. We will support the member champions to enable them to take on this role.

The Council will also continue to support positive mental health in our community, including in local schools, neighbourhoods and workplaces and continue to work on reducing inequalities in mental health in our community. We will continue to work with local partners as a member of the Integrated Care System to offer effective support for people with mental health needs and tackle discrimination on the grounds of mental health in our community. We will proactively listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health.

(b) Moved by Councillor Shields

This Council notes the alarming consequences of the cost-of-living crisis, which has already seen many individuals and families in Southampton struggling to eat and is set to get worse.

This Council applauds the Labour administration's timely initiative in co-convening a Southampton Cost of Living summit in October and requests that it continues to work with organisations, businesses, and other bodies across the city to find practical ways to support residents in greatest need.

This Council agrees that a key objective should be an end to food poverty in our city and we therefore commit to:

1. Join other cities across the UK, including nearby Portsmouth, to declare Southampton a Right to Food City
2. Build on the City Council's child obesity strategy by taking steps to support community kitchens and other local healthy food initiatives
3. Designate a lead member for food poverty in Southampton to act as a champion and coordinate cross-party and multi-agency efforts

This Council further calls on the city's three MPs to press Rishi Sunak to adopt and pursue Government policies that ensure a comprehensive and meaningful response to the wider cost of living crisis.

(c) Moved by Councillor P Baillie

Council recognises that bus services to and from Harefield are no longer fit for purpose and are causing considerable hardship for residents.

In these difficult times it is vital that residents are able to get around for whatever purpose.

Council calls upon the executive to work immediately with the bus companies to find a solution to this serious situation before Christmas.

(d) Moved by Councillor Fuller

This Council commits to the renaming of Guildhall Square to the Elizabeth Square in dedication to Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; to also begin exploratory works into the commissioning through public subscription and donations of a statue of Her late Majesty to adorn the newly renamed square. Southampton has many public works of art to exemplary people, but there is a distinct lack of monuments to great women, and who better to put that right with than one of the greatest female role models of the modern times, Elizabeth the Great.

The Council further commits to ensuring the Coronation of King Charles III is commemorated in Southampton with due public ceremony and with events across the city, and to work cross-party to ensure the Coronation brings together residents from across our city in a celebration of this truly and uniquely British institution.

10 EXECUTIVE BUSINESS (Pages 187 - 192)

Report of the Leader of the Council, detailing the successes of Southampton City Council since July.

11 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.

12 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

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

13 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY: SUMMARY OF CALL-IN ACTIVITY

To note that there has been no use of the Call-In procedure since last reported to Council.

NOTE: There will be prayers by 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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