
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
19 MAY 2021

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor Houghton
The Sheriff, Councillor Rayment
Councillors P Baillie, J Baillie, Bell, Bogle, Bunday, Chaloner, Coombs,
Cooper, Denness, Fielker, Fitzhenry, Fuller, D Galton, G Galton, S Galton,
Guest, Guthrie, Hammond, Hannides, B Harris, L Harris, Harwood, Kataria,
Kaur, Laurent, Leggett, Magee, Professor Margetts, McEwing, Mitchell,
Moulton, Noon, Dr Paffey, J Payne, W Payne, Prior, Rayment, Renyard,
Savage, Shields, Spicer, Stead, Streets, Vaughan, White and Windle

1. ELECTION OF A MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

FORMER COUNCILLOR MRS BLATCHFORD IN THE CHAIR

RESOLVED: upon the motion of Councillor Fuller and seconded by Councillor Paffey, that Councillor Houghton be elected to the Office of 799th Mayor of Southampton and Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

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

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR HOUGHTON) IN THE CHAIR

2. ELECTION OF A SHERIFF FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

RESOLVED: upon the motion of Councillor McEwing and seconded by Councillor Fitzhenry that Councillor Rayment be appointed the 584th Sheriff of the City of Southampton and Vice-Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

The Sheriff (Councillor Rayment) then made and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

RESOLVED upon the Motion of Councillor Hammond and seconded by Councillor Moulton, that the Council places on record its appreciation for the distinguished manner in which former Councillor Mrs Blatchford had discharged the duties of the Mayor of the City during the period of her term of office.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17th March 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

(i) Elections/Appointments New Councillors

I would like to thank all Members for their support in electing me as Mayor.

Members, as you will know the Local Elections and Police and Crime Commissioner Election took place on 6th May and I would like to thank all those involved in making these happen under the Covid restrictions.

Firstly, I would like to welcome our new Councillors and would be grateful if you would stand as I give your name so we can all identify you.

Welcome back:

Councillor Jeremy Moulton – Millbrook Ward

Councillor Spiros Vassiliou – Swaythling Ward

Councillor Mike Denness – Bevios Ward

Welcome to our new Cllrs:

Cllr Joshua Payne – Peartree Ward

Cllr Matthew Magee – Bitterne Ward

Cllr Amanda Guest – Redbridge Ward

Cllr Diana Galton – Coxford Ward

Cllr Robert Stead – Woolston Ward

And welcome back to all of you who successfully defended your seat.

(ii) Filming

Members, today's meeting is being live streamed and will also be available for members of the public to view online after the meeting. For any member of the public filming I remind you that the right to film is limited to the duration of the meeting and recording must cease when I close the meeting.

Filming or recording is not permitted if the effect would be to interrupt or disturb the proceedings or if it is intrusive of a specific individual or individuals. If in my opinion this is occurring, it will not be permitted, and I will ask you to stop.

Similarly, some members of the public attending the meeting may object to being filmed, photographed or recorded and will expect that these wishes are complied with.

(iii) Meeting Protocol

I would like these meetings to run efficiently and effectively. To that end I would ask you to keep in mind through the year the basic courtesies we need to adhere to for this to happen: – timeliness both in arriving at the meeting and listening carefully to the speeches and arguments. I would also ask you to remember the courtesies you would like from members when you are speaking and extending those to others.

In addition we have a Covid meetings protocol which members have been sent and should abide by.

Members, you have been allocated a seat here in the in the Guildhall and the Chamber when we return there which is reflected in the seating plans made available to the public. Therefore, I would ask that you remain in the seat you are allocated, or if you wish to move, you give notice of your intention prior to the next meeting.

(iv) Mobile phones and electronic devices

As a reminder to Members, wi-fi is available in the Guildhall and Civic Centre. The use of mobile electronic devices can therefore be used in the Guildhall and in Committee Meetings.

I would urge Members to use their good sense and behave with courtesy, particularly in not tweeting messages which would otherwise be in breach of our rules or the law. For example, tweeting material discussed in confidential session would be a very serious breach.

As in previous years, there is a £25 fine for mobile phones ringing and this will go to the Mayor's charity.

(v) Induction and Training for Members

Members, there are a number of induction, training and refresher sessions that have been arranged. New members are expected to attend all but they are open to all of us as a refresher and update. If you need further details please contact the PA Team.

(vi) Announcement from outgoing Leader

Cllr Hammond made an announcement and confirmed he would be stepping down as Leader of the Labour Group and that a new Leader would be elected shortly.

6. ELECTION OF THE LEADER

The nomination of Councillor Fitzhenry was moved and seconded.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE IT WAS:

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

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

Deputy Leader and Growth – Councillor Moulton

Finance – Councillor Hannides

Environment – Councillor S Galton

Communities, Culture and Heritage - Councillor Vassiliou

Health and Adult Social Care – Councillor White

Children’s Social Care - Councillor P Baillie

Education – Councillor J Baillie

Customer Service and Transformation – Councillor Harwood

7. 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:-

Political Group	Seats on Council	%
Conservative	25	52.08%
Labour	23	47.92%

Committees	Labour	Conservative	Number of Seats to Groups
Overview and Scrutiny Management (7)	Cllr Cooper Cllr Fielker - Chair Cllr Renyard Cllr Savage 4	Cllr Fuller Cllr B Harris Cllr Vaughan 3	7
Planning and Rights of Way (5)	Cllr Coombs Cllr Windle 2	Cllr L Harris - Chair Cllr Magee Cllr Prior 3	5

Chief Officer Employment Panel (3)	TBC 1	Cllr Fitzhenry Cllr Moulton 2	 3
Licensing Committee (10) (Min 10 – max 13)	Cllr Leggett Cllr McEwing Cllr Noon Cllr Spicer 4	Cllr G Galton - Chair Cllr B Harris Cllr Laurent Cllr J Payne Cllr Stead Cllr Streets 6	 10
Governance Committee (5)	Cllr Bunday Cllr Shields 2	Cllr Fuller - Chair Cllr D Galton Cllr Magee 3	 5
Sub-Committees	Labour	Conservative	Number of Seats to Groups
Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel (5)	Cllr Bogle Cllr Chaloner 2	Cllr Guest Cllr Prior - Chair Cllr Stead 3	 5
Scrutiny Panel (5)	Cllr Coombs Cllr Savage 2	TBC 3	 5
Children's and Families Scrutiny Panel (5)	Cllr Mitchell Cllr Paffey 2	Cllr Bell Cllr Guthrie - Chair Cllr Laurent 3	 5
Licensing General Sub-Committee (5) (Membership must come from membership of Licensing Committee)	TBC 2	TBC 3	 5
Standards Sub- Committee (3)	Cllr Chaloner Cllr Hammond 2	TBC 1	 3
Standards Appeal Sub-Committee (3)	Cllr Kataria Cllr Margetts	TBC	 3

	2	1	
TOTAL	25	31	56
Committee/Sub-Committee	Labour	Conservative	Number of Seats to Groups
Licensing and Gambling Sub-Committee (3) (Any 3 Members drawn from the Licensing Committee membership on rotation basis)			3

Other bodies	Labour	Conservative	Number of Seats to Groups
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority (1)		Cllr Fuller 1	1
Local Democracy and Accountability Network for Councillors (2)	TBC 2	0	2
Partnership for Urban South Hampshire – Overview and Scrutiny Committee (1)	TBC 1	0	1
Hampshire Police and Crime Panel (1) <i>(Overall proportionality is calculated across the County. This may require a</i>	0	Cllr Magee 1	1

<i>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.</p> <p>Council is requested to determine the membership of the Board as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Elected Members of Southampton City Council • Statutory Director for Public Health • Statutory Director for Adult Social Services • Statutory Director Children’s Services (Service Director, Children’s and Families Services) • Representative of the Clinical Commissioning Group • Representative of Healthwatch • Representative of NHS Commissioning Board’s Wessex Area Team 		
Chipperfield Trust	All 48 Members to be appointed to Chipperfield Trust		

8. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The Council approved the following dates for meetings of the Council in the 2021/22 Municipal Year:

21st July 2021
15th September 2021
17th November 2021
23rd February 2022 (Budget)
16th March 2022
18th May 2022 (AGM)