

Cabinet

Monday, 21st December, 2009
at 2.00 pm
Council Chamber, Civic Centre

This meeting is open to the public

Members

Councillor Samuels (Leader)
Councillor Dean, Cabinet Member for
Environment and Transport
Councillor Hannides, Cabinet Member for
Leisure, Culture and Heritage
Councillor Holmes, Cabinet Member for
Children's Services
Councillor Matthews, Cabinet Member for Young
People and Skills
Councillor Moulton, Cabinet Member for
Resources and Workforce Planning
Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Economic
Development
Councillor Walker, Cabinet Member for
Safeguarding Children
Councillor White, Cabinet Member for Adult
Social Care and Health
Councillor Williams, P, Cabinet Member for
Housing and Local Services

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BACKGROUND AND RELEVANT INFORMATION

The Role of the Executive

The Cabinet and individual Cabinet Members make executive decisions relating to services provided by the Council, except for those matters which are reserved for decision by the full Council and planning and licensing matters which are dealt with by specialist regulatory panels.

Executive Functions

The specific functions for which the Cabinet and individual Cabinet Members are responsible are contained in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution. Copies of the Constitution are available on request or from the City Council website, www.southampton.gov.uk

The Forward Plan

The Forward Plan is published on a monthly basis and provides details of all the key executive decisions to be made in the four month period following its publication. The Forward Plan is available on request or on the Southampton City Council website, www.southampton.gov.uk

Key Decisions

A Key Decision is an Executive Decision that is likely to have a significant

- financial impact (£200,000 or more)
- impact on two or more wards
- impact on an identifiable community

Decisions to be discussed or taken that are key

decisions are denoted by a key symbol (🔑) on the agenda.

Implementation of Decisions

Any Executive Decision may be "called-in" as part of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny function for review and scrutiny. The relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel may ask the Executive to reconsider a decision, but does not have the power to change the decision themselves.

Southampton City Council's Six Priorities

- Providing good value, high quality services
- Getting the City working
- Investing in education and training
- Keeping people safe
- Keeping the City clean and green
- Looking after people

Procedure / Public Representations

Reports for decision by the Cabinet (Part A of the agenda) or by individual Cabinet Members (Part B of the agenda). Interested members of the public may, with the consent of the Cabinet Chair or the individual Cabinet Member as appropriate, make representations thereon.

Smoking policy – The Council operates a no-smoking policy in all civic buildings.

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Municipal Year Dates (Mondays)

2009	2010
01 June	18 January
29 June	1 February
7 July	15 February
27 July	15 March
10 August	19 April
07 September	
28 September	
26 October	
23 November	
21 December	

CONDUCT OF MEETING

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference of the Cabinet, and its Executive Members, are set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

Only those items listed on the attached agenda may be considered at this meeting.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

The meeting is governed by the Executive Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

QUORUM

The minimum number of appointed Members required to be in attendance to hold the meeting is 4.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members are required to disclose, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, **both** the existence **and** nature of any "personal" or "prejudicial" interests they may have in relation to matters for consideration on this Agenda.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

A Member must regard himself or herself as having a personal interest in any matter:

- (i) if the matter relates to an interest in the Member's register of interests; or
- (ii) if a decision upon a matter might reasonably be regarded as affecting to a greater extent than other Council Tax payers, ratepayers and inhabitants of the District, the wellbeing or financial position of himself or herself, a relative or a friend or:-
 - (a) any employment or business carried on by such person;
 - (b) any person who employs or has appointed such a person, any firm in which such a person is a partner, or any company of which such a person is a director;
 - (c) any corporate body in which such a person has a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £5,000; or
 - (d) any body listed in Article 14(a) to (e) in which such a person holds a position of general control or management.

A Member must disclose a personal interest.

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Prejudicial Interests

Having identified a personal interest, a Member must consider whether a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably think that the interest was so significant and particular that it could prejudice that Member's judgement of the public interest. If that is the case, the interest must be regarded as "prejudicial" and the Member must disclose the interest and withdraw from the meeting room during discussion on the item.

It should be noted that a prejudicial interest may apply to part or the whole of an item.

Where there are a series of inter-related financial or resource matters, with a limited resource available, under consideration a prejudicial interest in one matter relating to that resource may lead to a member being excluded from considering the other matters relating to that same limited resource.

There are some limited exceptions.

Note: Members are encouraged to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer or his staff in Democratic Services if they have any problems or concerns in relation to the above.

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.

AGENDA

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1 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

2 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

In accordance with the Local Government Act, 2000, and the Council's Code of Conduct adopted on 16th May, 2007, Members to disclose any personal or prejudicial interests in any matter included on the agenda for this meeting.

NOTE: Members are reminded that, where applicable, they must complete the appropriate form recording details of any such interests and hand it to the Democratic Support Officer

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER: STARTING AT 2.00 PM

3 ITCHEN BRIDGE TOLLS: OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED EXEMPTION FOR MOTORCYCLISTS (TRO) (Pages 1 - 20)

Report of the Head of Highways and Parking Services concerning the determination of any outstanding objections to a proposal advertised to exempt motorcyclists who live within the city boundary from the tolls at the Itchen Bridge, attached.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS: STARTING AT 5.00 PM

4 STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER

5 RECORD OF THE PREVIOUS DECISION MAKING (Pages 21 - 32)

Record of the decision making held on 23rd November 2009, attached.

6 MATTERS REFERRED BY THE COUNCIL OR BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR RECONSIDERATION (IF ANY) TINY COMMITTEE FOR RECONSIDERATION (IF ANY)

There are no matters referred for reconsideration.

7 REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

There are no items for consideration

8 EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

To deal with any executive appointments, as required.

ITEMS FOR DECISION BY CABINET

9 BITTERNE PARK SCHOOL SIXTH FORM APPROVAL TO SPEND

Report of the Cabinet Member for Children's services seeking approval to commit expenditure, attached.

10 ADOPTION OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CORE STRATEGY

Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport seeking approval of the final version of the Core Strategy following receipt of the binding report from the Planning Inspector, attached.

11 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM

To move that 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 any consideration of the confidential appendix to item no 12.

Appendix 1 to the report contains information deemed to be exempt from general publication based on Category 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules. It is not in the public interest to disclose this information because it comprises financial and business information that if made public would prejudice the Council's ability to operate in a commercial environment and obtain best value during acquisition negotiations.

12 PURCHASE & INSTALLATION OF NEW CREMATORS, MERCURY ABATEMENT & OTHER ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT FOR SOUTHAMPTON CREMATORIUM

Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport seeking approval to purchase and install new Cremators, mercury abatement and other essential equipment to meet new legislative requirements at Southampton Crematorium, attached.

13 SUPPORTED BUS SERVICES CONTRACT AWARD

Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport seeking approval to the award of contracts for revised supported bus services following an annual retendering process, attached.

14 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM

To move that 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 any consideration of the confidential appendix to item no:15

Confidential appendix 2 contains information deemed to be exempt from general publication based on Category 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules. It is not considered to be in the public interest to disclose this information because this Appendix contains confidential and commercially sensitive information relating to the property interests potentially involved in this matter.

15 EASTPOINT REDEVELOPMENT

Report of the Cabinet Member for Economic Development seeking approval for the implementation of the Eastpoint Redevelopment proposal, attached.

16 CONNECT2 CYCLE WAY LAND OWNERSHIP - COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER

Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport seeking authority to proceed with a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) in order to acquire land to proceed with the construction of the Connect 2 cycle and walk way along side the River Itchen between Horseshoe Bridge and Mount Pleasant Industrial Estate, attached.

Friday, 11 December 2009

SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL