

CABINET

**Monday, 12th March, 2012
at 5.00 pm**

Council Chamber

This meeting is open to the public

Members

Councillor Smith, Leader of the Council
Councillor Moulton, Cabinet Member for Children's
Services and Learning
Councillor Baillie, Cabinet Member for Housing
Councillor Fitzhenry, Cabinet Member for
Environment and Transport
Councillor Hannides, Cabinet Member for
Resources, Leisure and Culture
Councillor White, Cabinet Member for Adult Social
Care and Health

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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 (£500,000 or more)
- impact on two or more wards
- impact on an identifiable community

Decisions to be discussed or taken that are key

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 Seven Priorities

- More jobs for local people
- More local people who are well educated and skilled
- A better and safer place in which to live and invest
- Better protection for children and young people
- Support for the most vulnerable people and families
- Reducing health inequalities
- Reshaping the Council for the future

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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Access – Access is available for disabled people. Please contact the Cabinet Administrator who will help to make any necessary arrangements.

Municipal Year Dates (Mondays)

2011	2012
6 June	16 January
4 July	6 February
1 August	13 February
5 September	12 March
26 September	16 April
24 October	
21 November	
19 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 2.

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

3 STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER

4 RECORD OF THE PREVIOUS DECISION MAKING

Record of the decision making held on the 6th and 13th February 2012, attached.

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

There are no matters referred for reconsideration.

6 REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

There are no items for consideration

7 EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

To deal with any executive appointments, as required.

ITEMS FOR DECISION BY CABINET

8 PROCESS FOR AWARDING GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FROM 2013/14

Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing, recommending a process for awarding grants to voluntary organisations from 2013/14, attached.

9 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 the following Item

Confidential Appendix 7 is not for publication by virtue of category 5 (legal professional privilege) of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's access to information procedure rules as contained in the council's constitution. It is not in the public interest to disclose this information as it would prejudice the Council's legal position in relation to litigation that may result as a consequence of the Council's decision.

10 SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC VA COLLEGE SOUTHAMPTON PROPOSALS TO CHANGE STATUS TO A MIXED-SEX SCHOOL

Report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning seeking a decision from Cabinet in accordance with statutory School Organisation procedures in regard to a proposal brought forward by Saint George Catholic Voluntary Aided College Southampton to change its current status as a single-sex boys' school to a mixed-sex school for both boys and girls from September 2013, attached.

11 ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2013/14

Report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning seeking to determine the admission arrangements for the Local Authority as the admission authority for community and voluntary controlled schools in the City, attached.

12 HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport seeking approval and adoption of a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) setting out guidance on how to assess planning applications for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO).attached.

13 APPROVAL TO SPEND CAPITAL FUNDING ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO SCHEMES 2012/13

Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, seeking approval to amend and approve capital expenditure, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, on schemes within the Environment and Transport capital programme for 2012/13, attached.

14 DELIVERY OF THE LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND AND EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND PROGRAMMES

Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, outlining the delivery of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund and European Regional Development Fund programmes, attached.

15 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) - VARIOUS SCHEME APPROVAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012/13 PHASE 1

Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing, seeking the commencement of repairs and refurbishment works as defined within the approved 5 year plan, attached.

16 LOCALISM ACT: CONSULTATION - TENANCY STRATEGY 2012-2016

Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing, seeking to set the strategic direction of the Local Housing Authority in relation to the housing provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in order that consultation with stakeholders is undertaken, attached.

17 MASTER PLAN FOR ESTATE REGENERATION FOR TOWNHILL PARK

Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing, seeking to set the strategic direction of the Local Housing Authority in relation to the housing provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in order that consultation with stakeholders is undertaken, attached.

18 FREEMANTLE COMMON: DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AND DE-REGISTRATION/EXCHANGE OF COMMON LAND

Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources, Leisure and Culture to enable the development and disposal of land which currently accommodates Ridgeway House School and Prospect House, attached.

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Confidential Appendix 3 to this 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. The appendix includes a table showing the rental income and values of property which, if disclosed prior to entering into any contracts, could put the Council at a commercial disadvantage. In applying the public interest test it is not considered appropriate to publish this information as it could influence bids for a property which may be to the Council's financial detriment

20 PROPERTY DISPOSAL PROGRAMME - APPROVAL TO DETAILED TERMS

Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources, Leisure and Culture seeking approval for the disposal of The Shirley Centre and The David Lloyd Leisure Centre freehold investments, attached.

21 DRAFT PUBLIC HEALTH TRANSITION PLAN (YEAR 2)

Report of the Director of Public Health seeking approval for a draft transition plan, attached.