

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 27th November,
2024 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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Banister & Polygon	Every Leggett Windle	Peartree	Houghton Keogh Letts
Bargate	Bogle G Lambert Noon	Portswood	Barbour Finn Savage
Bassett	Blackman Chapman Wood	Redbridge	Goodfellow McManus Whitbread
Bevois	Denness Kataria Rayment	Shirley	Kloker Percival Winning
Bitterne Park	Barnes-Andrews Cooper Webb	Sholing	J Baillie Beaurain Powell-Vaughan
Coxford	Greenhalgh McCreanor Renyard	Swaythling	Bunday Fielker Gravatt
Freemantle	Kenny C Lambert Shields	Thornhill	Allen A Frampton Y Frampton
Harefield	P Baillie Harwood Laurent	Woolston	Blatchford Payne Stead
Millbrook	Cox Galton Moulton		

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Role of the Council

The Council comprises all 51 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	
2024	2025
15 May (AGM)	26 February (Budget)
31 July	26 March
18 September	
27 November	

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 17.

CPR 9.6 PRESUMPTION IN FAVOUR OF MEETINGS ENDING BY 6:30 PM

There is a presumption in favour of all meetings of the Council, Committees and Sub-Committees that start at 2:00 pm will finish by 6:30 pm. When a meeting reaches that time, any member of the Council, Committee or Sub-Committee may move, without comment that the meeting shall end. If the motion is accepted and seconded, it shall be put without comment and if passed, if there are any other motions or recommendations on the agenda that have not been dealt with, the Lord Mayor or person presiding may determine either to deal with them in accordance with this Council Procedure Rule, or to defer remaining business to the next meeting, but in doing so shall take particular account of any advice from the Chief Executive, Executive Director: Enabling Services and/or Monitoring Officer as to any business that, in their view, the Council or the meeting of the Council should determine at that meeting. In the event of a motion being put to the meeting under this Council Procedure Rule, it will be necessary for two thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting to support a proposal that the meeting should carry on for the meeting to proceed beyond 6:30 pm.

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, 19 November 2024

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the COUNCIL to be held on WEDNESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 2024 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 - 20)

To authorise the signing of the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th September 2024, 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 BUDGET VIREMENTS (Pages 21 - 24)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services seeking approval of Budget virements.

**6 SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL SHIRLEY WARD BY-ELECTION RESULT
(Pages 25 - 26)**

Report of the Returning Officer detailing the results of the Shirley Ward By-Election held on 10th October, 2024.

7 POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACE REVIEW (Pages 27 - 40)

Report of the Returning Officer detailing the results of the 2024 Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.

8 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE GAMBLING ACT STATEMENT OF LICENSING PRINCIPLES (Pages 41 - 144)

Report of Executive Director; Resident Services seeking approval for the adoption of the Gambling Act Statement of Licensing Principles for 2025 to 2028.

9 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - EXEMPT 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 exempt appendix 2 to the following Item

The appendix is considered to be exempt from general publication based on Category 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) and category 7A (obligation of confidentiality) of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules.

It is not in the public interest to disclose this information as the report contains confidential and commercially sensitive information in relation to one of the Council's suppliers. It would prejudice the Council's ability to operate in a commercial environment and obtain best value in contract negotiations and would prejudice the Council's commercial relationships with third parties if they believed the Council would not honour obligations of confidentiality.

10 COMMERCIAL WASTE TRANSFER AND DISPOSAL SERVICES □ (Pages 145 - 156)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport seeking approval of the Commercial Waste Transfer and Disposal Services.

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12 CORPORATE INSURANCE PROGRAMME - TENDER (Pages 157 - 164)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services seeking approval for the procurement of a new Corporate Insurance Programme for 1st April 2025.

13 **EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

Verbal Report of the Leader of the Council.

14 **MOTIONS**

(a) Moved by Councillor Blackman

This Council notes:

Southampton City Council is facing significant financial challenges, including rising costs, reduced government funding, and increasing demand for local services. As a result, it is essential that the Council make cost-effective investments to reduce operating costs, generate revenue, and improve long-term financial stability. The Council also recognizes the urgent need to address climate change by reducing carbon emissions, in line with the UK's legally binding commitment to Net Zero by 2050.

One of our neighbouring councils, Portsmouth, gave the green light to a scheme in August 2023 to install over 7,000 solar panels over car parks in Portsmouth, plus provision for electric car charging. This project will not only help to meet environmental objectives but will also provide financial savings and new revenue streams from the sale of renewable energy.

This Council believes:

Investing in solar panels on council-owned car parks is a smart financial decision that can help Southampton reduce costs, generate additional income, and strengthen the city's financial resilience. By following the example of Portsmouth, Southampton can demonstrate leadership in both environmental sustainability and sound financial management. Installing solar panels will not only help meet the city's climate goals but also offer long-term savings, helping to alleviate some of the financial pressures facing the Council. It will also complement the Council's Climate Change and Green Infrastructure Strategies.

This Council resolves to:

1. Conduct a feasibility study on the installation of solar panels on council-owned car parks across Southampton, including key locations such as city centre car parks.
2. Assess the potential financial benefits of this investment, including savings on energy bills, income from selling surplus energy to the grid, and opportunities for securing external funding or green investment.
3. To explore the possibility of including electric vehicle (EV) charging points alongside the solar panels, creating a comprehensive green infrastructure and providing additional revenue streams.

To bring a report back to the Council within six months outlining the findings of the feasibility study, including a financial analysis, environmental benefits, and a plan for the phased installation of solar panels across council-owned car

(b) Moved by Councillor P Baillie

“As Corporate Parents, Southampton City Council believes that our children in care should be given every chance to succeed.

Presently, children stop being in care when they reach the age of 18, even if they're still living with their foster family. There is no minimum allowance paid to carers when the young person is old enough to leave foster care.

For most young people, they turn 18 during the academic year and the lack of an allowance may then lead some carers to stop caring for our young people, who are often then moved into alternative accommodation. This is a major upheaval during a very important time of their lives – a time where their full focus should be on their studies, rather than their living situation.

Rather than it stopping based on when the young person turns 18, which could be at any point during the academic year, we want to see the fostering allowance paid to carers extended until the end of the Academic Year (31 August). This will allow greater stability for our looked after children and allow time for job hunting or pre-University preparation. This Council asks that the Leader of Southampton City Council lobbies our local MPs and Government on this matter in order for this negative anomaly to be changed.”

(c) Moved by Councillor Galton

Council acknowledges the alarming performance of blue badge processing for both new applications and renewals. This saw a back log of 2074 open applications in June with 342 of these exceeding a 12 week process.

Despite improving in recent months, it is still far below what an inclusive and accessible City should be delivering for some of its most vulnerable residents; with around 1800 open cases and over 100 of these still exceeding a 12 week period.

In 2022 our scrutiny panel inquiry, Accessible Southampton, made this valid point: “Accessibility is key to inclusive cities. By tackling barriers and building inclusive cities it can enable disabled people, and those with access issues, to access services and contribute fully to public life.”

Council accepts:

- There can be no greater accessibility barrier than a Council that doesn't answer it's phones and emails or respond to a renewal or new blue badge application.
- A blue badge is a lifeline and offers both physical and mental well-being benefits.
- On top of the benefits to the person living with a disability, an accessible City also sees the benefits of the “purple pound” supporting its economic sustainability & growth.
- The failure to either answer a phone, or reply/process an application in a timely manner has seen a significant increase in visits to Gateway for progress updates – this is causing unnecessary distress, failing to deliver a statutory

service in a timely manner and costing the Council more in time and money.

- The negative impact of Service Centre staff restructuring in April, that reduced the number of people available to process applications and saw the subsequent loss of knowledge and capacity to be able to process applications in a timely manner.

As such, Council calls on the executive:

- to immediately prioritise and put in place temporary additional resources to clear the back log of applications.
- to establish and then provide the permanent resources needed to maintain an adequate and timely blue badge processing service.
- To recognise that adopting the mindset that every valid blue badge application is an urgent application is the best way to ensure we remain an accessible City, welcoming and caring for our most vulnerable.

(d) Moved by Councillor McManus

This Council notes that White Ribbon Day 2024 was observed on 25th November and runs until December 10th.

We acknowledge the significance of this period in raising awareness about men's violence against women and girls, and the importance of prioritising Primary Prevention to stop violence from happening in the first place.

We recognise the ongoing need to address and prevent violence against women and girls, and the need to engage men and boys throughout society. This includes in education, in workplaces, communities and online.

We acknowledge the critical role that we, as decision makers, play in shaping and implementing policies that prioritise preventing violence against women and girls and helping to create a more equal society where all individuals, regardless of gender, can live freely without the fear of violence.

The White Ribbon Campaign's mission is to raise awareness about men's violence against women and girls and encourage men to take action to end it.

This Council encourages all members to support the campaign by undertaking at least one of the following actions:

- **Wearing a white ribbon:** A symbol of opposition to violence against women
- **Making the White Ribbon Promise:** A commitment to never use, excuse, or remain silent about men's violence against women and girls
- **Calling out inappropriate language:** Using gender neutral language and calling out sexist "banter"
- **Signing people to services:** When appropriate, knowing how to signpost people to services
- **Saving the Domestic Abuse Helpline:** Keeping the number in your phone and sign posting to it when needed
- **Sharing White Ribbon UK's posts:** Using social media to share their posts with your followers

- **Becoming a White Ribbon UK Ambassador or Champion:** Male volunteers who engage with other men and boys to call out abusive and sexist behaviour
- **Challenging misogyny and sexism:** Taking action to challenge misogyny and sexism in the attitudes and behaviours that you witness

15 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.

16 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 no formal prayers in the Lord Mayor's Reception Room at 1.45 pm however Members of the Council and Officers are welcome to attend for quiet reflection.



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