

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

18 September 2023



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1. Apologies

The Lord Mayor's Advisor will report apologies received for the meeting.

2. Minutes

The Lord Mayor will ask Council to approve and sign the minutes of the 19 June 2023 as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

The Lord Mayor's Advisor will invite Members to declare any interests they may have in relation to items on the agenda.

4. Appointments to Committee, Outside Bodies etc

The Lord Mayor's Advisor will report on vacancies on committees, outside bodies etc and of changes notified to Democratic Support.

Councillor Raynsford has replaced Councillor Lowry on the Audit and Governance Committee.

Councillor Raynsford has replaced Councillor Tippetts on the Growth and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Krizanac has replaced Councillor John Stephens on the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Krizanac has replaced Councillor Dr Cree on Licensing Committee.

Councillor Raynsford has replaced Councillor Rennie on the Plymouth Waterfront Partnership Advisory Panel.

Recommendation:

That Council notes changes to political proportionality set out at Appendix A.

5. Questions by the Public

To receive questions from and provide answers to the public in relation to matters which are about something the council is responsible for or something that directly affects people in the city, in accordance with Part B, paragraph 11 of the Constitution.

(Questions and answer will be circulated following the meeting).

6. Announcements

- a) To receive announcements from the Lord Mayor, Chief Executive, Service Director for Finance or Head of Legal Services;
- b) To receive announcements from the Leader, Cabinet Members or Committee Chairs.

7. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 - 2027/28

Recommendation:

That Council approves the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 – 2027/28

8. Capital Monitoring Report

Recommendations:

That Council approves the amended Capital Budget 2023-2028 revised to £556.722m as shown in Table I.

9. Treasury Management Annual Report 2022/23

Recommendations:

To approve the Treasury Management Annual Report 2022/23.

10. Recommendations from Audit and Governance Committee on Stage One Constitutional Changes

Recommendations:

That Council approves the amendments to Part A, Part B and Petition Scheme Guidance.

11. Updated Pay Policy Statement

Recommendations:

The City Council approves the amended Pay Policy Statement for 2023/24.

12. Councillor Allowance Scheme – Recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel

Recommendations:

That Council approve the following amendments to the allowance scheme, that –

1. There are no changes to the Basic Councillors' Allowance and that this will continue to rise in line with staff pay awards. As pay awards currently being negotiated refer to a single consolidated addition to NJC pay points, the Panel recommends that basic allowances should increase in line with the equivalent percentage increase to the mid-point of the pay spine (pay point 22).
2. Excluding payments to Other Minority Group Leaders (recommendation 6 below), there are no changes to the Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) which will increase in line with staff pay awards (as above).
3. The travel allowance for Councillors should remain the same as the locally agreed rates payable to Council staff, and that they be changed as and when the staff rates are changed.
4. The list of approved duties is applicable to both Travel and Subsistence Allowance and Dependent Carers Allowances and Councillors undertaking approved duties may claim Travel, Subsistence and Dependent carers allowance unless remuneration and/or expenses are provided by the body to which the approved duty relates.
5. An annual stipend of £1500 is provided to Co-opted Members on Committees convened under the Local Government Act 1972.
6. SRAs for Other Minority Group Leaders (excluding the largest opposition group) will be payable based on the number of members in the group. For groups of less than five members, the Leader of the group will receive an annual SRA of £1000, increasing by £1000 for every five additional Councillors.
7. Facilities (group rooms etc) are offered to all Councillors. Groups with less than 5 members will share facilities with similar sized groups and non-aligned independent Councillors.
8. An expenses fund not exceeding £2000 be established in the Lord Mayor's office to cover necessary out of pocket expenses incurred by the Deputy Lord Mayor in the event that they are in receipt of a SRAs for another role and are therefore unable to claim the Deputy Lord Mayor's allowance. Any claims from the fund will be made on receipt.

13. Motions on Notice

The City Council will consider motions from Councillors in accordance with Part B, paragraph 14 of the Constitution.

13 a. Impact of Vaping on Young People

13 b. Motor Neurone Disease (MND)

13 c. Nursery Provision

13 d. Online Meetings

13 e. The formation of a Strategic Working Group to progress the re-opening of Plymouth Airport

13 f. Recognising the Importance of Outdoor Play in Child Development and the Need for a City-Wide Play Strategy

13 g. Council Tax Exemption for Foster Carers

14. Questions by Councillors

Questions to the Leader, Cabinet Members and Committee Chairs covering aspects for their areas of responsibility or concern by councillors in accordance with Part B, paragraph 12 of the constitution. A maximum of 45 minutes is allowed for this item.