

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held on 16 June 2021

Present

Councillor Raines (Mayor)

Councillors Moutray, Jenner, Inkster, Patel, Thain-Smith, Robinson, Bains, Bowerman, Branson, Crellin, Francis, Howard, Hughes, Keast, Kennett, Lowe, Lloyd, Milne, Patrick (Deputy Mayor), Pike, Rennie, Satchwell, Sceal, Mrs Shimbart, Turner, Wade and Weeks

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors P Bains, Gary Robinson, Linger and Scott.

2 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest from the members present.

3 Minutes

Proposed by Cllr Crellin and seconded by Cllr Sceal it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council held on 19 May 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

4 Mayor's Report

The Mayor's report was provided as a supplementary paper.

There were no questions in relation to the Mayor's published report.

5 Petitions

Mr Owens introduced the petition titled 'Hayling Sewage Watch: Help stop Hayling Beaches being polluted with untreated sewage'.

Cllr Satchwell as the relevant Cabinet Lead, thanked Mr Owens for his address and for sharing the petition with Council.

Cllr Satchwell requested that the Council notes:

- The petition and concerns raised by residents.
- That Southern Water is the statutory undertaker for sewage treatment, and has indicated a commitment to improving the capacity and efficiency of their

systems; (<https://www.southernwater.co.uk/the-news-room/the-media-centre/2021/may/save-our-harbours-summit-commits-to-action>)

- That the Environment Agency continue to give our seafront bathing waters an Excellent rating, with regular weekly testing during bathing season.

This motion was duly seconded by Cllr Pike and following a vote was declared carried.

It was therefore RESOLVED that Council:

- Continue to promote Hayling Island as a safe and accessible destination, noting the regular weekly testing undertaken by the Environment Agency.
- Implement new signage across Hayling Seafront to signpost visitors to water quality information as part of the wider Hayling Island Seafront Strategy.

6 Public Questions under Standing Order 27.5

No public questions had been received under Standing Order 27.5.

7 Appointments

Proposed by Cllr Rennie and seconded by Cllr Satchwell it was RESOLVED that Council:

APPROVE the following:

- (i)
 - 1 the appointment of Councillors to the Committees as outlined in Parts A and B;
 - 2 the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs (as appropriate) to those Committees as set out in Parts A and B;
 - 3 all such appointments to remain in place until the next Annual Council meeting 2022; and
- (ii) the sundry appointments set out in Part C be APPROVED, such appointments to remain in place until the Annual Council meeting in 2022.

8 Leader's Report

The Leader had nothing to add to his published report.

9 Cabinet Lead Reports

Cllr Bowerman updated that, following discussions today between senior Directors at Norse, the Council's Chief Executive, and the Council Leader, to work through all the issues of the last few weeks; a full apology was given by Norse.

The senior Directors from Norse have pledged to investigate the recent service issues and find improvements for the future and resolutions quickly. Cllr Bowerman will further update on this issue in the near future.

Cllr Gwen Robinson updated to her published report, indications are, there are no cases of the Delta variant currently in the Borough.

10 Cabinet Leads and Chairmen's Question Time

In response to a question from Cllr Keast about waste collection issues in the Borough, Cllr Bowerman acknowledged that it would take time to clear the backlog.

In response to a question from Cllr Francis, Cllr Bowerman confirmed that consultation is underway with regards to the Environment Bill, which food waste collection may form part of. There will be an All Member Briefing on the Environment Bill in the near future.

In reply to questions from Cllr Hughes regarding West Beach, Cllr Pike confirmed that there were no immediate plans to alter the MTFs forecast in light of changes to the number of parking spaces available, but this would remain under review. Cllr Pike further confirmed that Cllrs are working together to bring forward a revised strategy for West Beach.

Cllr Satchwell further confirmed to Cllr Hughes that it was the Cabinet's intention to see if a viable solution can be found that includes West Beach.

Cllr Thain-Smith responded to Cllrs Francis regarding the Climate Change and Environment Strategy, confirming that the strategy has been written and is going through the democratic process. Following presentation of the strategy to Full Council, an Action Plan will be published.

11 Questions Under Standing Order 27.4.1

No questions had been received under Standing Order 27.4.1.

12 Urgent Questions Under Standing Order 27.4.2

No urgent questions had been received under Standing Order 27.4.2.

13 Notices of Motion

Council considered the following Motion, proposed by Cllr Milne and seconded by Cllr Lloyd. Cllr Milne was given an opportunity to present her Motion to Council:

1. to actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks
2. that organised firework display events will be circulated to the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) for comment through the standard events procedure. Where fireworks events are to take place on public land, additional controls may be applied on a risk-based approach. Advertising of such events will be provided ahead of time through HBC's communications team.

Cllrs debated the motion and Cllr Rennie proposed an amendment to the motion to remove the first part, duly seconded by Cllr Pike.

Following a vote, the amendment to the motion was carried.

Cllrs debated the amendment and following a vote the amended motion was carried.

It was therefore RESOLVED that:

- Organised firework display events will be circulated to the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) for comment through the standard events procedure. Where fireworks events are to take place on public land, additional controls may be applied on a risk-based approach. Advertising of such events will be provided ahead of time through HBC's communications team.

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm and concluded at 5.45 pm