

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held on 26 July 2023

Present

Councillor Raines (Mayor)

Councillors Rason, Blades, Briggs, Gray, Gray, Coates, Brent, Harris, Bowdell, Bowerman, Crellin, Fairhurst, Guest, Keast, Kennett, Linger, Lloyd, Milne, Munday, Patel, Payter, Rennie, Redsull, Richardson, Robinson, Sceal, Mrs Shimbart, Stone, Tindall, Turner, Wade (Deputy Mayor) and Weeks

24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Denton, Diamond and Patrick.

25 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests from the members present relating to matters on the agenda.

26 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 21 June 2023 were approved as a correct record.

27 New Councillor Introduction

The Mayor invited recently elected Councillor Rason introduced herself to members.

28 Mayor's Report

The Mayor had nothing further to add to her published report and there were no questions from members present.

29 Public Speaking under Standing Orders 27.5 & 28

There were 3 questions received from members of the public in accordance with these Standing Orders.

Mrs Buckley attended Council and asked her questions which were duly responded to by Councillor Lloyd within the meeting.

A full list of questions and a summary of the responses are attached as an appendix to the minutes.

30 Cabinet/Board/Committee Recommendations

There were 2 Cabinet / Board / Committee recommendations for Council to consider at this meeting.

1 Overview & Scrutiny's Annual Report

Councillor Kennett introduced this item and recommendations to Council arising from the meeting of Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 05 July 2023, seeking Council to note the report.

Proposed by Councillor Kennett, seconded by Councillor Crellin, Council:

RESOLVED that the submitted 2022/23 Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report be noted.

2 Membership of the Solent Cluster

Councillor Lloyd introduced this item and recommendations to Council arising from the meeting of Cabinet held on 26 July 2023, seeking agreement for Havant Borough Council to become a member of the Solent Cluster.

Proposed by Councillor Lloyd, seconded by Councillor Linger, following debate and a vote in which there was one abstention, Council:

RESOLVED that Havant Borough Council become a member of the Solent Cluster.

31 Health and Safety Policy Statement 2023/24

A motion to Council to approve the Health & Safety Policy Statement for 2023/2024 was proposed by Councillor Bowdell and seconded by Councillor Wade. Council considered the published report and following a vote, Council:

RESOLVED that the Health and Safety Policy Statement for 2023/24 be approved.

32 Leader's Report

In presenting his published report, the Leader wished to highlight the Council's successful in achieving Gold award status for the Armed Forces Scheme. Cabinet thanked officers, in particular to Laura Bevis and former Councillor Thain-Smith, for their work behind the scenes in achieving this success and looked forward to the award ceremony later in the year on HMS Warrior on 05 October 2023.

The Leader responded to questions from Councillors on his published report within the meeting.

33 Cabinet Lead Reports

The Cabinet Leads took questions from Councillors on their published reports, which were duly responded to within the meeting.

34 Questions Under Standing Order 27.4.1

There were 6 questions received from Councillors under the provision of this standing order, which were duly responded to within the meeting by the relevant Cabinet Leads.

A summary of the questions and responses is attached as an appendix to the minutes of this meeting.

35 Urgent Questions Under Standing Order 27.4.2

There were no urgent questions received from Councillors under the provision of this standing order.

36 Notice of Motions under Standing Order 14.1

The Council considered the published motion proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Coates. Following debate and a vote, Council:

RESOLVED

To support the establishment of an annual Honourable Havant Citizen Award. Establish a Civic Board to support the annual Honourable Havant Citizen Award and any future Freedom/Freeman of the Borough nominations.

37 Acceptance of Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Keast and seconded by Councillor Sceal, Council:

RESOLVED that the minutes of Committees held since the last meeting of Council be received.

The meeting commenced at 5.30 pm and concluded at 6.58 pm

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Chairman