

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD
WAS HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 2007**

The Mayor (Councillor Gill) (ex-officio); Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Cully) (ex-officio) (P), Councillors Ms Ballard (P), Carr (P), Clinton (P), Dickson (P), Edgar (P), Kimber (P), Philpott (P), Smith (P), Wright (Chairman) (P) and Mrs Wright (P).

25. APOLOGY

An apology for inability to attend the meeting was received on behalf of The Mayor.

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

27. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Board meeting held on 10 September 2007 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

28. DEPUTATIONS

It was reported that no deputations had been received.

29. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No questions had been received from the public.

PART I

30. ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 2006

Consideration was given to a report of the Environmental Services Manager which advised Members that the Animal Welfare Act had received Royal Assent on 8th November 2006. The report recommended that delegated authority to enforce the provisions of the Act be given to the Environmental Services Manager.

The Chairman advised that there was no requirement for this item to be referred to the Policy and Organisation Board and therefore it could be dealt with as a Part I item from this Board to Council.

RECOMMENDED: That:

- a) the proposed delegation of the enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 to the Environmental Services Manager be recommended to

Council for approval; and

- b) the Borough Solicitor be authorised to make all necessary amendments to the Council's Constitution to give effect to the above.

PART II

31. CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005 DOG CONTROL ORDER

Consideration was given to a report of the Environmental Services Manager which sought approval to commence the consultation process and initiate the introduction of a Gosport Borough Council Dog Control Order.

Members were advised that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (Dog Control Orders) replaced the previous system of byelaws for the control of dogs and also the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 which had been repealed.

Members emphasised the importance of clear, simple signage which, it was felt, would assist in the enforcement of the Order. Officers advised that the cost of providing signage would be included in the revenue budgets for the next financial year.

An enquiry was made regarding the Order covering private estates. Members were advised that private estates could be included in the Order provided a preference for their inclusion was indicated in the consultation exercise.

Members requested that Brookers Field be included in Appendix A to the Environmental Services Manager's report. This listed areas where there were designated areas where dogs did not have to be kept on a lead.

RESOLVED: That:

- a) the proposed Dog Control Order Summary as set out in Appendix A of the Environmental Services Manager's report be sent out for consultation;
- b) Brookers Field be included in Appendix A as a designated area where dogs do not have to be kept on a lead; and
- c) the Borough Solicitor be authorised:
 - to draft the relevant Dog Control Order after the consultation process as may be necessary to comply with any legal requirements
 - if no representations are received, to proceed to make the appropriate Order at the earliest possible date and to give notice

of the making of the Order and the date upon which it is to come into operation in accordance with The Dog Control Order (Procedures) Regulations 2006; and

- if representations are received, to bring these to the attention of the Board for its consideration.

32. CHAIRMAN'S URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and concluded at 6.28 pm

CHAIRMAN