

## **A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD**

### **WAS HELD ON 13 JUNE 2011**

The Mayor (Councillor Carter C R) (ex-officio), Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (P), Councillors Mrs Bailey, Burgess (P), CK Carter (P), Mrs Cully (P), Edgar (P), Mrs Forder (P), Henshaw, Hylands (P), Mrs Hook (P), Jessop (P), Kimber (P) and Murphy (P).

It was reported that, in accordance with Standing Orders, Councillor Hook and Councillor Ms Ballard had been nominated to replace Councillor Henshaw and Councillor Mrs Bailey respectively, for this meeting.

#### **7. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received on behalf of The Mayor and Councillors Mrs Bailey and Henshaw.

#### **8. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, HOUSING BOARD HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AND COMMUNITY BOARD HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Board held on 7<sup>th</sup> March, Housing Board held on 14<sup>th</sup> March and Community Board held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as true and correct records.

#### **9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Edgar and Burgess declared that any decision they made at this meeting would not affect any decision they made as a Hampshire County Councillor.

Councillors Mrs Cully, Mrs Hook and Hook declared a personal interest in agenda item 8, Fareham and Gosport CCTV Review.

Councillor Hylands declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 5, Environmental Health (Commercial) Service Plan 2011/12 and a personal interest in agenda item 8, Fareham and Gosport CCTV Review.

#### **10. DEPUTATIONS**

A deputation had been received from Mrs. Nelson regarding animal health and well being.

Mrs Nelson advised the Board that she was speaking on behalf of Stop Wickham Animal Testing (SWAT) and hoped to build upon the letter she had sent to all Councillors before the meeting. She had concerns regarding potential cases of animal cruelty at Wickham Laboratories, especially the use of LD50 tests on mice. She was concerned that Wickham Laboratories wished to move their laboratories into Gosport and asked for Councillors to consider whether this was a business they wished to have in their Borough.

Mrs Nelson circulated a leaflet containing further information regarding LD50 testing (attached to these minutes as appendix 1).

## **11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions.

## **PART II**

## **12. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (COMMERICAL) SERVICE PLAN 2011/12**

**Councillor Hylands declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item, left the meeting room and took no further part in the discussion or voting thereon.**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Environmental Health which identified the work programme for the Environmental Health (Commercial) team for the year 2011 – 12.

The Head of Environmental Health explained that it was a requirement of the Food Standards Agency and the Health & Safety Executive respectively that work undertaken was adequately resourced and formally endorsed by the Council.

Councillors asked whether the Council had enough resources to fulfil their statutory requirements. The Head of Environmental Health explained that for 2011/12 outside contractors were used, however joint working with Fareham Borough Council meant this was not necessary from 2012/ 13 onwards. Councillor Hook noted that the reduction in use of outside contractors was a clear benefit of partnership working.

The Head of Environmental Health confirmed that all premises were inspected on a risk basis, ranging from every six months to every three years. Rears of premises were also always inspected.

Councillors discussed the use of inspectors who were multi skilled compared to those with specific skills.

**RESOLVED:** That the Board adopt the work plan for the Environmental Health (Commercial) Team for 2011 – 12, in respect of food safety and health and safety at work enforcement.

## **13. RENTED ACCOMMODATION IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR (RAPS). A PARTNERSHIP APPROACH**

Consideration was given to a report of the Housing Services Manager which sought approval of the proposed pledges provided in appendices a, b and c of the report.

Councillors queried whether the minimum of 240 new lets to be established each year was achievable. The Head of Housing Options advised that total officer casework had increased by 20% in the last three years, which could be attributed to the general economic climate, so these new lets needed to be found.

The Head of Housing Options advised the Board that the Landlords and agents chosen had a long established relationship with the Council.

Councillors discussed the importance of confidentiality when sharing information with Landlords and Agents. The Head of Housing Options agreed that this was an important

matter to consider with each case. He advised that in order for the partnership to be successful, there should be a good level of communication between the Council and Landlords. But recognised that some sensitive information would not be shared.

RESOLVED: That the Board notes the report and approves:

- a) the Landlord Agent Pledge and Landlord Pledge including the financial provisions;
- b) the Tenant Pledge;
- c) the Housing Services Manager being allowed to approve the Landlord Agent Accreditation Scheme under delegated powers in consultation with the Community Board Chairman and the Council's Borough Solicitor; and
- d) the RAPS scheme as the Council's Accredited Scheme for private lets in the Borough.

#### **14. PROJECT INTEGRA ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2011 - 2016**

Consideration was given to a report of the Environmental Services Manager which sought approval for the Project Integra Annual Action Plan 2011 – 2016.

A Councillor queried where fuel contaminated by sea water should be disposed of. The Head of Streetscene advised that he would take this query back to Project Integra and provide an update in due course for members of the Board.

RESOLVED: That the Project Integra Annual Action Plan 2011 – 2016 be approved.

#### **15. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: That in relation to the following item the public be excluded from the meeting, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during this item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemptions outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

#### **16. FAREHAM AND GOSPORT CCTV STRATEGY**

**Note: Councillors Mrs Cully, Mrs Hook, Hook and Hylands declared personal interests in this item and remained in the meeting room.**

Consideration was given to the exempt report of the Head of Community Safety which informed the Board of the Fareham and Gosport CCTV Strategy.

The report was exempt from publication as it included information relating to potential changes in contracted services, with labour related implications.

The Board agreed to the following amendment of the third recommendation: 'To approve in principle, in line with 2c of the Options Appraisal, a reduction of 25% of fibre connections to the CCTV Control Centre in favour of other methods of recording and/ or monitoring.'

RESOLVED: That the Board:

- a) endorse the direction of travel set out in the Strategy and support its implementation through the Fareham and Gosport CCTV Partnership panel;
- b) agree changes to monitoring arrangements in line with Option 1c of the Options Appraisal in agreement with Fareham Borough Council; and
- c) approve in principle, in line with 2c of the Options Appraisal, a reduction of 25% of fibre connections to the CCTV Control Centre in favour of other methods of recording and/ or monitoring.

**17. ANY OTHER ITEMS**

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 7.25pm.

CHAIRMAN