

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD  
WAS HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 6PM**  
*Subject to Approval*

The Mayor (Councillor Farr) (ex-officio), Councillor Hook (ex-officio) (P), Bateman (P), Burgess (P), Dickson, Edgar (P), Foster-Reed (P), Hazel (P), Mrs Hook (P), Hylands (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy (P), Searle (P), Wright (P)

It was reported that in accordance with Standing Order 2.3.6, Councillor Allen had been nominated to replace Councillor Dickson for this meeting.

**33. APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Councillor Dickson.

**34. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2015**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Board held on 16 November 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

**35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**36. DEPUTATIONS**

There were none.

**37. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were none.

**Part I**

**38. BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE AND COUNCIL DWELLING RENTS 2016/17**

Consideration was given to a report by the Borough Treasurer and Interim Housing Services Manager to consider the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan including the revised 2015/2016 budget and the 2016/2017 budget including recommendations on rent levels for next year.

Members were advised that an addendum proposing a new recommendation and revised appendices had been circulated for consideration.

The addendum advised that on 27<sup>th</sup> January a ministerial announcement stated that supported housing would be excluded from the 1% rent cut for 2016/17 although clarification was not made available until 3<sup>rd</sup> February regarding the definition of supported housing applying to this measure. The announcement was in response to concerns raised regarding the affordability of providing supported housing in the Social Housing Sector. These concerns were also reflected in Gosport where the HRA Business Plan is based on Sheltered Housing rents increasing by CPI plus 1%.

As a result it was proposed that the recommendations be revised as follows:-

That the Community Board recommend to Council that:

- a) The revised HRA Business Plan extract (Appendix A) and associated 2015/16 Revised Budget and 2016/17 Budget (Appendix B) is agreed.
- b) That Council Dwelling rents decrease by 1% (an average of £0.83 per week) in accordance with paragraph 5.1, with the exception of Sheltered Housing.
- c) Sheltered Housing rents increase by CPI +1% in 2016/17 in accordance with Government guidelines.
- d) The rent for older style garages is increased in line with inflation, as agreed in the garage renewal strategy.

That the Community Board :

- a) Note the purchase of 122 Beauchamp Avenue as detailed in paragraph 2.4.

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- b) That Council Dwelling rents decrease by 1% (an average of £0.83 per week) in accordance with paragraph 5.1, with the exception of Sheltered Housing.
- c) Sheltered Housing rents increase by CPI +1% in 2016/17 in accordance with Government guidelines.
- d) The rent for older style garages is increased in line with inflation, as agreed in the garage renewal strategy.

That the Community Board :

- b) Note the purchase of 122 Beauchamp Avenue as detailed in paragraph 2.4.

## **PART II**

### **39. VARIATION OF CAR PARK ORDER – RESPONSE TO OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATION**

Consideration was given to a report by the Chief Executive to consider the objections and representations received in response to the statutory notice of the proposal to vary the Borough of Gosport (Off-Street Parking Places) (Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent) Order 2012.

Following a question from a Member regarding access to Apple Dumpling Bridge, it was confirmed that investigations were being made to provide a pedestrian bridge.

**RESOLVED:** That the Community Board agrees:-

- a) having regard to the nature of the proposals and all the objections and representations a public inquiry is not held in respect of the Borough of Gosport (Off-Street Parking Places) (Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent) Order 2012 (Amendment No.1) Order 2015;
- b) that Seafront Car Park Permits will be able to be used in the Alver Valley Country Park West and East car parks and not to have an Alver Valley Country Park Car Park Permit; and
- c) to make The Borough of Gosport (Off-Street Parking Places) (Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent) Order 2012 (Amendment No.1) Order 2015 with amendments to incorporate the amendment at 2 above as set out at paragraph 2.5 of this report.

#### **40. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 18:20

CHAIRMAN