A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD WAS HELD ON 29 JUNE 2016 AT 6PM

Subject to approval

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Hook) (ex-officio), Councillor Hook (ex-officio), Councillors Mrs Batty (P), Bateman (P), Burgess (P), Earle (P), Mrs Huggins (P), Hylands (P) Mrs Jones (P), Miss Kelly (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy (P), Ronayne (P), Scard (P), Mrs Wright, Wright

It was reported that in accordance with Standing Order 2.3.6, Councillors Mrs Cully and Farr had been nominated to replace Councillors Mrs Wright and Wright for this meeting.

7. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Mayor and Councillors Hook, Mrs Wright and Wright.

8. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD ON 7 MARCH 2016 AND 19 MAY 2016

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings of the Community Board held on 7 March 2016 and 19 May 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

10. DEPUTATIONS

There were none.

11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

PART II

12. HOUSING SERVICE REVIEW – UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive advising the Board of the direction of travel for the Housing Service in light of the shared management option being implemented with Portsmouth City Council and to provide the Board with the next steps and timescales.

James Hill was introduced to the Board as the new shared Housing Services Manager.

A Member asked for clarification on what effect these savings would have on the repairs budget. The Borough Treasurer advised that currently no expenditure details had yet been confirmed.

A Member asked if ward Councillors would be kept informed of any changes to contact details in the Housing service. The Housing Manager confirmed that they would and said that other than himself coving the work of the Housing Services Manager and Julie Smith covering the work of the Head of Operational Support, all other contact details remained the same.

A Member asked for clarification on the new builds at St Vincent Road and the opportunity for tenants to exercise their Right to Buy on the new developments. It was confirmed that there was a 'cost floor' rule in place which restricted occupier's right to buy within a certain period of time. The Housing Service Manager advised that he would send an email to Board members with the detail and impact on right to buy.

RESOLVED: That the Community Board note the direction of travel and the next steps and related timescales of the Housing Service and understand that further updates would come to the Board as and when necessary.

13. FIXED PENALTIES

Consideration was given to a report by the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive specifying to Members the fixed penalties payable in pursuance of fixed penalty notices issued for offences contrary to Sections 48 and 67 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and Section 33 (1) (a) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Following a Member's question it was advised that current enforcement in Gosport was comprehensive and that if more work was generated as a result of the issuing of fixed penalty notices additional support would be considered to the enforcement team.

Following a Member's question, it was clarified by the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive that once a fixed penalty notice was issued and no payment was forthcoming, legal proceedings could commence.

Further to a Member asking if PCSO's would be authorised to issue penalty notices on behalf of Gosport Borough Council it was advised that this would need to be investigated as there may be a formal process to complete.

RESOLVED: That the Community Board approves the fixed penalties set out in Appendix 1 of the report of the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 18:30

CHAIRMAN