



Notice is hereby given that a **MEETING** of the **COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GOSPORT** will be held in the **TOWN HALL, GOSPORT** on **WEDNESDAY** the **NINETEENTH DAY** of **JULY 2017** at **6PM**, **AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS –**

1. To receive apologies from Members for their inability to attend the Meeting.
2. To confirm the Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (copy herewith)
3. To consider any Mayor's Communications.
4. To receive Deputations in accordance with Standing Order No 3.4 and to answer Public Questions pursuant to Standing Order No 3.5, such questions to be answered orally during a time not exceeding 15 minutes.

**(NOTE: Standing Order No 3.4 requires that notice of a Deputation should be received by the Borough Solicitor NOT LATER THAN 12 O'CLOCK NOON ON MONDAY, 17 JULY 2017 and likewise Standing Order No 3.6 requires that notice of a Public Question should be received by the Borough Solicitor NOT LATER THAN 12 O'CLOCK NOON ON MONDAY, 17 JULY 2017).**

5. Questions (if any) pursuant to Standing Order No 3.3.

**(NOTE: Members are reminded that Standing Order No 3.3 requires that Notice of Question pursuant to that Standing Order must be received by the Borough Solicitor NOT LATER THAN 12 O'CLOCK NOON ON TUESDAY, 18 JULY 2017).**

6. To receive the following Part II minutes of the Boards of the Council:

<b>BOARD</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>Minute No.</b>
Economic Development Board	21 June 2017	12-14
Policy and Organisation Board	28 June 2017	11-16

7. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

To appoint nominated deputies to the Allotment Stakeholder Consultative Group and to appoint an elected Member to the Gosport Society.

**DAVID WILLIAMS  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**TOWN HALL  
GOSPORT**

11 July 2017

**FIRE PRECAUTIONS**

(To be read by the Mayor if members of the public are present)

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**This meeting may be filmed or otherwise recorded. By attending this meeting, you are consenting to any broadcast of your image and being recorded.**

**MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTE THAT:**

**(1) IF THE COUNCIL WISHES TO CONTINUE ITS BUSINESS BEYOND 9.30PM THEN THE MAYOR MUST MOVE SUCH A PROPOSITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 4.11.18**

**(2) MOBILE PHONES SHOULD BE SWITCHED OFF OR SWITCHED TO SILENT FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEETING**

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** of the **COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GOSPORT**  
was held in the Ballroom of the **THORNGATE HALLS, BURY ROAD,**  
**GOSPORT** on **WEDNESDAY**, the **SEVENTEENTH** day of **MAY 2017** at  
**11.00AM.**

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Hook) (P) (in the Chair);

Councillors Allen (P), Ms Ballard, Bateman (P), Mrs Batty (P), Beavis (P), Burgess (P), Bergin , Carter (P), Chegwyn, Mrs Cully, Ms Diffey, Earle, Edgar (P), Farr, Mrs Forder (P), Foster-Reed, Mrs Furlong (P), Hicks, Hook (P), Huggins, Hylands, Jessop (P), Mrs Jones (P), Miss Kelly (P), Mrs Morgan, Murphy, Philpott (P), Mrs Prickett, Raffaelli, Ronayne, Scard (P), Mrs Wright and Wright.

Also in attendance: Honorary Freeman Hewitt and O'Neill and Honorary Alderman Foster, Gill, Hayward, Kimber, Whitbread

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**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Honorary Alderman Miles, Rushton, Searle and Snaith Tempia. Councillors Ms Ballard, Bergin, Chegwyn, Mrs Cully, Ms Diffey, Foster-Reed, Hicks, Huggins, Hylands, Mrs Prickett, Raffaelli, Wright, and Mrs Wright

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**ELECTION OF MAYOR**

PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR BURGESS  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MRS FURLONG

That Councillor Linda Batty be elected Mayor of the Borough of Gosport for the Municipal Year ending May 2018.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Retiring Mayor thereupon vacated the Chair, which was taken by the newly elected Mayor, who made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**REPLY BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR**

The new Mayor replied to the Council's resolution and returned thanks for her election.

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**GOSPORT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AND YOUTH AWARDS**

The Mayor awarded a Citizen of the Year Certificate and medallion to Mr John Jeffs for his eminent services to the Borough. The Mayor also awarded a Youth Award Certificate and voucher to Ronnie Anson Hazlie.

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### **ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL**

PROPOSED BY THE MAYOR  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HOOK

That the Council do now adjourn until 5.00pm on Thursday, 18<sup>st</sup> May 2017 at the Town Hall, Gosport.

**CARRIED**

**The meeting ended at 12.00pm**

**THE ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING** of the **COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GOSPORT** was held in the Council Chamber at the **TOWN HALL, GOSPORT** on **THURSDAY**, the **EIGHTEENTH** day of **MAY 2017** at **5.00PM**.

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Batty) (P) (in the Chair);

Councillors Allen (P), Ms Ballard (P), Bateman (P), Beavis (P), Bergin (P) , Burgess (P), Carter (P), Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully (P), Ms Diffey (P), Earle (P), Edgar (P), Farr (P), Mrs Forder (P), Foster-Reed (P), Furlong (P), Hicks (P), Mrs Hook (P), Hook (P), Huggins (P), Hylands (P), Jessop (P), Mrs Jones (P), Miss Kelly (P), Mrs Morgan, Murphy (P), Philpott (P), Mrs Prickett (P), Raffaelli, Ronayne, Scard (P), Mrs Wright and Wright (P).

Also in attendance: Honorary Alderman Gill and Kimber.

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**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Raffaelli and Honorary Freeman O'Neill and Hewitt.

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**MINUTES**

**COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29 March 2017 be confirmed and signed.**

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**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

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**ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Councillor Hook proposed and Councillor Burgess seconded the Motion that Councillor Mrs Furlong be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Gosport for the Municipal Year ending May 2018.

**COUNCIL RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Furlong be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Gosport for the Municipal Year ending May 2018.**

The Deputy Mayor made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and returned thanks for her election. She nominated her husband, Raymond Furlong to be Deputy Mayor's Consort for the Municipal Year ending May 2018.

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## **REVIEW OF COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES AND DETERMINATION OF ALLOCATION OF SEATS**

The Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive had submitted a report to Members of the Council in connection with the above.

The report advised the balance of the seats on the Council and the position with regard to Political Groups and to undertake a review in accordance with the "Proportionality Rules" of the balance of seats on the Boards and Committees of the Council.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Council approve:

- (i) the allocation of seats on the Boards and Committee as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report;

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## **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD**

**COUNCIL RESOLVED:** That Councillor Hook be appointed Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board for the 2017/2018 Municipal Year.

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## **APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS, NOMINATED DEPUTIES FOR THE REGULATORY BOARD, STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AND PANELS AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members considered a provisional list and addendum (a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix "C1") of appointments to vacancies listed above for the Municipal Year 2017/2018.

**COUNCIL RESOLVED:** That the provisional list of appointments to vacancies listed above for the Municipal Year 2017/2018 be approved and adopted.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Mayor adjourned the Council meeting at 5.15pm so that new Board and Committee members could elect their respective Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen. The meeting re-convened at 5.28pm.

**The meeting ended at 5.30pm**

**BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017/2018 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

**POLICY & ORGANISATION BOARD**

Councillor Allen  
 Councillor Bateman (Vice Chairman)  
 Councillor Burgess  
 Councillor Carter  
 Councillor Chegwyn  
 Councillor Mrs Cully  
 Councillor Edgar  
 Councillor Foster-Reed  
 Councillor Hicks  
 Councillor Hook (Chairman)  
 Councillor Hylands  
 Councillor Jessop  
 Councillor Murphy  
 Councillor Philpott

**REGULATORY BOARD**

Councillor Allen (Vice Chairman)  
 Councillor Beavis  
 Councillor Bergin  
 Councillor Carter,  
 Councillor Ms Diffey  
 Councillor Earle  
 Councillor Farr  
 Councillor Foster-Reed  
 Councillor Hicks  
 Councillor Mrs Hook  
 Councillor Jessop (Chairman)  
 Councillor Raffaelli  
 Councillor Ronayne  
 Councillor Wright

**COMMUNITY BOARD**

Councillor Bateman  
 Councillor Burgess (Chairman)  
 Councillor Earle  
 Councillor Mrs Hook  
 Councillor Mrs Huggins  
 Councillor Mrs Jones  
 Councillor Hylands  
 Councillor Miss Kelly  
 Councillor Mrs Morgan  
 Councillor Murphy (Vice-Chairman)  
 Councillor Ronayne  
 Councillor Scard  
 Councillor Wright  
 Councillor Mrs Wright

**STANDARDS & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Councillor Allen  
 Councillor Beavis  
 Councillor Ms Ballard  
 Councillor Carter (Chairman)  
 Councillor Chegwyn  
 Councillor Mrs Cully  
 Councillor Mrs Forder  
 Councillor Mrs Furlong  
 Councillor Mrs Jones  
 Councillor Mrs Morgan  
 Councillor Mrs Prickett  
 Councillor Scard (Vice Chairman)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Councillor Ms Ballard  
 Councillor Bateman  
 Councillor Beavis (Vice-Chairman)  
 Councillor Mrs Cully  
 Councillor Ms Diffey  
 Councillor Edgar  
 Councillor Farr  
 Councillor Mrs Forder  
 Councillor Mrs Furlong  
 Councillor Mrs Huggins  
 Councillor Miss Kelly  
 Councillor Philpott (Chairman)  
 Councillor Mrs Prickett  
 Councillor Ronayne

**\*The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Batty) & Chairman of the Policy & Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) are ex-officio Members of all Boards unless named in the membership of the respective Board.**

## REGULATORY BOARD

### PROVISIONAL NOMINATED DEPUTIES FOR 2017/18 MUNICIPAL YEAR

#### **Conservative Group**

Councillor Bateman  
Councillor Mrs Batty  
Councillor Burgess  
Councillor Edgar  
Councillor Mrs Forder  
Councillor Mrs Furlong  
Councillor Hook  
Councillor Mrs Huggins  
Councillor Mrs Jones  
Councillor Mrs Morgan  
Councillor Murphy  
Councillor Philpott  
Councillor Scard

#### **Labour Group**

Councillor Mrs Cully  
Councillor Mrs Wright

#### **Liberal Democrat Group**

Councillor Ballard  
Councillor Chegwyn  
Councillor Hylands  
Councillor Miss Kelly  
Councillor Mrs Prickett

**PANEL & OUTSIDE BODIES MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2017/2018 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

**POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD OTHER PANELS & OUTSIDE BODIES**

**CCTV PARTNERSHIP PANEL**

Councillor Jessop                      Standing Deputy      Councillor Burgess

**GOSPORT ROYAN TWINNING FORUM**

Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs Furlong) and Councillors Allen, Philpott, Ronayne

**LOCAL JOINT STAFF COMMITTEE**

Councillors Carter, Mrs Cully and Hylands

**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Batty)

**GOSPORT BOROUGH EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

Councillors Edgar & Ronayne and Borough Treasurer

**GOSPORT MARINE SCENE**

Councillor Beavis

**GOSPORT SOCIETY**

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Batty) (ex-officio) and Councillor Earle and Councillor Scard

**GOSPORT VOLUNTARY ACTION**

Councillors Farr, Hicks and Mrs Hook

**HANTS & IOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

Councillors Allen & Hook

**THE HAMPSHIRE TRUST (HANTS SENATE)**

Councillor Burgess

**RELATE**

Councillor Mrs Forder

**SOUTH EAST EMPLOYERS**

Councillor Carter Standing Deputy Councillor Hook

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**COMMUNITY BOARD**

**OTHER PANELS & OUTSIDE BODIES**

**ALLOTMENTS STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATIVE GROUP**

Councillors Allen, Mrs Cully Mrs Furlong and Miss Kelly

**COASTAL PANEL**

Councillors Burgess, Mrs Forder Mrs Cully and Hylands

**GOSPORT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC BOARD**

Councillor Beavis (Standing Deputy: Mrs J Petty, Head of Corporate Policy and Community Safety)

**HAMPSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

Appointed Member: Councillor Beavis  
(Deputy Member: Councillor Scard)

**BRIDGEMARY, ROWNER AND WOODCOT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Councillor Mrs Jones

**BRUNE PARK COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Councillor Hicks

**FAREHAM AND GOSPORT MIND**

Councillor Mrs Batty

**FAREHAM AND GOSPORT CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP**

Councillor Raffaelli

**GOD'S PORT HOUSING SOCIETY**

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Hook )

**GOSPORT AVIATION SOCIETY**

Councillor Beavis

**GOSPORT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Councillor Carter

**GOSPORT/FAREHAM JOINT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PANEL**

Councillor Burgess

**GOSPORT HEALTH & WELL BEING PARTNERSHIP**

Councillors Allen & Mrs Huggins

**SOUTH HAMPSHIRE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL**

Councillor Scard

**HEDCA GENERAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Councillor Mrs Hook

**HOMESTART – GOSPORT & FAREHAM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Councillor Bateman Standing Deputy Allen

**JOINT AUTHORITIES GYPSIES & TRAVELLERS PANEL**

Councillors Farr and Scard

**LEE-ON-THE-SOLENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Burgess

**PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE**

Councillors Scard and Mrs Cully  
(Standing Deputy: Raffaelli)

**PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
PANEL**

Councillor Raffaelli

**PORTSMOUTH WATER CUSTOMER FORUM**

Councillor Mrs Jones

**PROJECT INTEGRA STRATEGIC BOARD**

Councillor Bateman S/D Burgess

**SOLENT SEA RESCUE ORGANISATION**

Councillor Beavis

**STANDING CONFERENCE ON COASTLINE PROBLEMS**

Councillor Mrs Forder

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

**OTHER PANELS & OUTSIDE BODIES**

**GOSPORT MUSEUM JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Councillors Mrs Hook

**PARTNERSHIP FOR URBAN SOUTH HAMPSHIRE (PUSH) JOINT COMMITTEE**

Councillor Philpott  
(Standing Deputy: Councillor Hook )

**PARTNERSHIP FOR URBAN SOUTH HAMPSHIRE (PUSH) JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Councillor Mrs Furlong Standing Deputy Councillor Mrs Huggins

**SOLENT TRANSPORT**

Councillor Philpott

**TOURISM SOUTH EAST**

Councillor Philpott

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**REGULATORY BOARD**

**OTHER PANELS & OUTSIDE BODIES**

## GOSPORT/FAREHAM JOINT BUILDING CONTROL PANEL

Councillor Jessop

### GBC 'Champions'

<b><i>Champion</i></b>	<b>Name</b>
Youth (appointed by Youth Council)	Councillor Mrs Morgan
Heritage	Councillor Alan Scard
Compact	Councillor Zoe Huggins
Procurement	Councillor Graham Burgess
Efficiency	Councillor Mark Hook
Community Safety	Councillor John Beavis
Older Persons Champion	Councillor John Beavis
Armed Forces Champion	Councillor Allen

**A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
WAS HELD ON 21 JUNE 2017**

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Batty) (ex-officio), Councillors Hook, Ms Ballard (P), Bateman (P), Beavis (P), Mrs Cully (P), Ms Diffey (P), Edgar (P), Farr (P), Mrs Forder, Mrs Furlong (P), Mrs Huggins (P), Miss Kelly (P), Philpott (P), Mrs Prickett, Raffaelli (P).

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

**PART II**

**12. IMPROVEMENT OF AND LEASE OF LAND AT ST LUKE'S ROAD, GOSPORT**

Consideration was given to the report of the Housing Services Manager seeking Board approval to spend developer contributions for open space provision, secured through Section 106 Agreements, to improve land in St Luke's Road to a suitable standard for recreational use by the Scouts and seeking Board approval for the lease of land at St Luke's Road to the 12<sup>th</sup> Gosport Scout Group for community, recreational use.

Members advised that they were pleased to see the proposal and welcomed the improvement to the area.

**RESOLVED:**

That the use of developer contributions secured through Section 106 agreements to improve land in St Luke's Road to a suitable standard for recreational use by the 12<sup>th</sup> Gosport Scout Group be authorised.

That the proposed lease of land to the 12<sup>th</sup> Gosport Scout Group be approved.

That the Housing Services Manager (Head of Housing) be authorised to finalise terms for the lease of land to the 12<sup>th</sup> Gosport Scout Group and the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to enter in to such legal documentation as is necessary to effect the above decision.

**13. LEASE OF LAND AND BUILDING AT PHOENIX WAY TO THE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNDERSTANDING SOCIETY (SEEUS) CHARITY**

Consideration was given to a report of the Housing Services Manager to seek Board approval for the leasehold disposal of land and buildings at Phoenix Way to the SEEUS Charity "SEEUS".

In answer to a Member's question, the Board were advised that it was legally possible to attach an additional condition to the lease requiring the charity to obtain registered charity status within a stipulated time period. Officers advised Members that there the SEEUS group were a new body who were pursuing registered charity status but had not yet achieved this. In addition, there were measures in place to monitor the progress of the Group and that the Group were constituted and had members of neighbouring charities the Nimrod Centre and Give, Gain and Grow on their Committee as community

representatives. Members were satisfied that an additional condition was not necessary.

**RESOLVED:** That the proposed new lease of land and buildings at Phoenix Way to SEEUS be approved.

That the Housing Services Manager (Head of Housing) be authorised to finalise terms for the lease of land and buildings at Phoenix Way and the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to enter in to such legal documentation as is necessary to effect the above decision.

#### **14. GOSPORT WATERFRONT AND TOWN CENTRE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD): CONSULTATION DRAFT**

Consideration was given to a report requesting consideration of a draft of the Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for consultation purposes in order to ascertain the views of the local community and relevant organisations regarding the proposed planning framework for the Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre area.

Members were advised that there was an amendment to the table on page 35 of the document; this had been distributed to Members. The Board were also advised that it was proposed that the consultation period be extended for a further two weeks to allow additional time for responses. The consultation would now therefore be extended until 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Members welcomed the document and the extension to the consultation period and congratulated officers on its production.

Members were pleased that the document looked to restore some of the heritage areas of Gosport that had been inaccessible to the public for long periods.

Members expressed concern and felt it timely to question the location of the Borough boundary within Portsmouth Harbour. Members felt that because of the positioning of the boundary line, planning decisions were often taken by Portsmouth City Council where the proposal would actually have most impact on Gosport. This was particularly the case with the end of jetties. Members felt that if the land side of a structure was towards Gosport, the borough Boundary should encompass the entire structure.

In addition, Members expressed concern that Gosport Borough Council had previously been a consultee for Portsmouth City Council for work undertaken close to the harbour and that this was no longer the case. The Chairman cited the recent painting of the Spinnaker Tower without consultation which had prompted him to make contact with the Deputy Leader at Portsmouth City Council to discuss this.

The Chairman advised that he would write to the Borough Solicitor, who was also the City Solicitor at Portsmouth City Council, to express the concern of Members but felt that this should not delay the progress of the SPD consultation. The Chairman also agreed to write to the Boundary Commission regarding the location of the Borough boundary.

Members expressed concern as to whether there would be enough services including medical surgeries and schools for the proposed residential developments. Members were reminded that the SPD document was supplementary to the Local Plan and that the Clinical Commissioning Group as well as the Waterside Medical Centre and Hampshire County Council would be statutory consultees on the document as the

provision of medical services and schools fell under their remits.

Members advised that they felt it was important to retain the same level of parking provision with close proximity to the north of the High Street, as well as the lorry park as this was a well-used and necessary facility.

Members were advised that a car parking survey had been undertaken to establish the usage levels of the car parks. It was advised that Morrisons car park had been completely full when surveyed and that it had been noted that those using Morrisons often undertook supplementary visits to the High Street.

Members expressed concern that the Falklands Gardens would be developed to include a splash park. The Chairman advised the Board that the consultation documents included proposals to maintain and enhance the Falklands Gardens and that there were no plans for a splash park on the site. Members reflected on the importance of the Gardens to the Borough.

Members expressed that they wished to be consulted on any naming of features or roads that formed part of any development; Members were disappointed that this function was no longer undertaken by Members. The Chairman agreed to write a letter to the Building Control Partnership expressing Members' wishes.

Members expressed disappointment that the development at Royal Clarence Yard had not reached maximum potential but were hopeful that the potential for development at the retained area, which would offer deep water access, would boost the area. It was also hoped that the granting of access to the area adjacent to the Oil Fuel Depot, opening up the Northern ramparts, would increase the usage of Royal Clarence Yard.

A Member advised that they felt it was important to acknowledge both with the commercial aspect of Royal Clarence Yard and with any other commercial developments that they would only be successful if they reflected the lifestyle choices being made by people today.

As Ward Councillor for Royal Clarence Yard a Member advised that they had previously undertaken a tour of the Oil Fuel Depot and that there were many hidden aspects to it. It was acknowledged that there would be security implications in opening up the site but it was hoped that a solution could be reached. In addition, officers advised that the Oil Fuel Depot had been negotiating with the Council for a significant period of time on their proposed changes to the site and securing public access to the ramparts had been raised.

The Chairman advised that he would be happy to arrange a meeting between himself, the Ward Councillor and the Chairman of Berkeley Homes to discuss Royal Clarence Yard.

Members recognised the importance of retaining a taxi rank in close proximity to the ferry pontoon as often those requiring taxis were unable to walk great distances.

Members recognised that it was hoped that the proposal for the bus station site would include provision to capitalise on the night-time economy as there was potential to improve this for the Borough.

The Chairman advised the Board that he hoped that the consultation would extend widely to as many people as wished to comment on it and that he hoped anyone with a view on the document would respond to the consultation.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board was advised that it was possible to deconstruct appendix 7 further to allow the map to be less cluttered and that the two maps would be renamed 7a and 7b.

Members welcomed the document and acknowledged that this would be an exciting and much needed development framework for the Gosport area.

The Chairman reiterated that the document was supplementary to the Local Plan and that the Board would only be approving the draft document for consultation purposes in order to ascertain views of the local community and relevant organisations.

**RESOLVED:** That the draft Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document, as set out in Appendix A, for consultation purposes, be approved.

The meeting concluded at 7.25pm

CHAIRMAN

**A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD  
WAS HELD ON 28 JUNE 2017**

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Batty) (ex-officio), Councillors Allen (P), Bateman (P), Burgess, Carter (P), Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully (P) Edgar (P), Foster-Reed (P), Hook (Chairman) (P), Hicks (P), Hylands (P) , Jessop (P), Murphy(P), Philpott (P)

It was reported that in accordance with Standing Order 2.3.6 Councillor Mrs Hook had been nominated to replace Councillor Burgess for this meeting.

**PART II**

**11. CITIZENS ADVICE GOSPORT**

Citizens Advice Gosport presented to the Board details of their services for the past year and advised the priorities for them moving forward. They advised the Board of a number of projects they were working towards in the future and details of the number of clients they had helped support.

Members welcomed the presentation and thanked the officers for attending.

**12. CROSS REFERENCE FROM THE STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: EY – AUDIT PLAN 2016/17**

Consideration was given to a cross reference report from the Standards and Governance Committee seeking approval of the EY Audit Plan 2016/17

**RESOLVED:** The audit plan and the risks identified in the auditors work on the audit opinion and value for money conclusion, and their planned response to those risks be noted.

**13. BUS SERVICE 11 – SATURDAY SUBSIDY**

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Treasurer seeking Board approval to subsidise the Route 11 Saturday Bus Service for a further two years.

Members advised that progress was being made with the Haslar site and that planning applications would shortly be submitted and that this would increase the requirement for the route.

Members also welcomed that the route provided a service to the Bridgemark part of the A32.

It was requested that a letter be written to Hampshire County Council to request that they provide the funding for the route, as transport is a County Council function.

**RESOLVED:** That the Route 11 Saturday Bus Service be funded for a further two years from June 2017 at an annual cost of £4,305 per annum

#### **14. PEST CONTROL SERVICE REVIEW**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Environmental Health reviewing the Council's Pest Control Service, to bring it in line with other Hampshire Authorities.

In answer to a Member's question the Board were advised that in the event of an infestation in which it was unclear as to the cause, discretion could be used if circumstances meant it was not appropriate to charge, it was also possible to secure the debt by placing land charges onto individual properties and then demand payment at a later date.

It was acknowledged that the proposed charges were considerably less than those available commercially and at the lower end of the scale of charges in Hampshire Authorities.

In answer to a Members question, the Board were advised other pests included ladybirds, squirrels, and ants.

**RESOLVED:** That a fee be introduced for rodent treatments of £60, except for people on low income.

That free of charge rodent treatments be provided to persons on low income, defined as being in receipt of one of the following benefits :-

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income Support
- Pension Credit (Guarantee)
- Universal Credit (maximum award)

That a fee of £30 be introduced to survey and quote or if possible treat for bed bugs and fleas.

That the vacant post of Animal and Pest Control Officer to Animal and Pest Control Supervisor be redesigned and regraded at an additional cost of £3,500 per annum

#### **15. CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS POLICY**

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive seeking Board approval for the adoption of the revised Customer Complaints Policy.

**RESOLVED:** That the revised Customer Complaints Policy be adopted with immediate effect.

**16. GIFTS AND HOSPITALITIES POLICY**

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive seeking Board approval for the adoption of the revised Gifts and Hospitalities Policy.

**RESOLVED:** That the revised Gifts and Hospitalities Policy be adopted with immediate effect.

Concluded at 18.59