

**A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
WAS HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 2015**

The Mayor (Councillor Farr) (ex-officio), Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (P); Councillors Ms Ballard (P), Mrs Batty (P), Beavis (P), Mrs Cully (P), Geddes, Hylands (P), Langdon (P), Philpott (P), Ronayne (P).

It was reported that in accordance with Standing Order 2.3.5 Councillor Hook had been nominated to replace Councillor Edgar permanently on the Economic Development Board.

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

26. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from The Mayor, and Councillor Geddes.

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

28. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2015

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

29. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

30. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

31. LAND ADJACENT TO HUHTAMAKI

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive informing Members of the proposal to lease additional land, adjacent to the Huhtamaki site on Rowner Road, to Huhtamaki and to acquire land from them on Grange Road to provide a pedestrian and cycle route and open space.

Members sought clarification as to whether the deal presented best value for the Council in relation to the rent that would be received. The Board were advised that proceeding with outstanding rent review clause would allow for the rent to be decreased as well as increases, and the rent had been decreased at the previous review at arbitration and the Council's adviser believed it would decrease again under the outstanding rent review.

The Board was advised that by agreeing to the recommendations of the Report, the rent would remain at its current rate of £105,000 per annum and could then only be increased.

Members welcomed both the extension to Huhtamaki, with the potential for new jobs and the

improvements to the path.

RESOLVED: That the Board agrees:-

1. To accept a surrender of the land edged red on Plan 1;
2. To advertise the intention to dispose of the land edged red on Plan 1 and edged brown on Plan 2 in accordance with Section 123 2(A) of the Local Government Act 1972;
3. Subject to the responses received in relation to the advertisement set out in 2 above to lease the land edged red on Plan 1 and edged brown on Plan 2 to Huhtamaki as set out in paragraph 2.9 of the report;
4. To acquire the land edged blue on Plan 3 from Huhtamaki as set out in paragraph 2.10 of the report;
5. To provide a pedestrian and cycle route as indicated in yellow on Plan 3 and open space on the remainder of the land edged blue on Plan 3 as set out in paragraphs 2.6 and 2.7 of the report;
6. To use Developer Contributions to fund the provision of the pedestrian and cycle route;
7. To procure the provision of the pedestrian and cycle route as set out in paragraph 2.13 of the report including waiving Contract Procedure Rules 8.1, 9, 10, 11, 12 and appointments being made by the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive.
8. To delegate to the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive authority to give approval to the finalised surveyed plans, which will replace those plans annexed to the Report, when received.

32. LEASE LAND IN SHOOT LANE

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive requesting that the Board approve the proposal to take a lease of land in Shoot Lane, Lee-on-the-Solent.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board were advised that there had been no specific use identified for the land as it would form part of the overall Alver Valley Country Park for the general public to access for recreational use.

RESOLVED: That the Board approve the Council taking a lease of land in Shoot Lane as set out in the Report and that the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to complete the negotiations and lease.

33. ACQUISITION OF LAND AT RAMPART ROW, GOSPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Property Services requesting authorisation for the acquisition of a number of small open space land parcels forming part of the housing development at Rampart Row, Gosport.

Councillor Mrs Cully as Ward Councillor advised the Board that the proposal was very welcome and that it would provide greater clarity on responsibility for the land.

Members welcomed the proposal.

RESOLVED: That the acquisition of a number of small open space land parcels from The Treasury Solicitor as shown in Appendix A and B under a Dedication Agreement for the Rampart Row housing development be approved.

34. SURRENDER OF LEASES OF CREWSAVER BUILDING, MUMBY ROAD AND GRANT OF A NEW LEASE

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Executive seeking Board approval for the surrender of the two existing leases for the Crewsaver building at Mumby Road and the grant of a new lease to the current Lessee, Prinset Limited, but on revised terms.

A Member sought clarification as to whether the proposal met the requirements of the Waterfront plan. The Board were advised that it met the objective of the Local Plan by contributing to the number of residential properties, the application has also been granted planning permission.

The Board was advised that the restrictions referred to in the report were common place with such proposals.

RESOLVED: That the terms contained in this Report be approved and the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to accept surrenders of the current Leases for the building and to enter into a new Lease with the current tenant, on the basic revised terms as set out in the Report, with the remainder of the terms to be agreed by the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive.

35. SALE OF FREEHOLD LAND ADJACENT TO 3 KEAST WALK, GOSPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Property Services seeking Board approval for the freehold disposal of land adjacent to No 3 Keast Walk to the owners of No 3 Keast Walk Gosport.

Members acknowledged that there was to be no permanent structure erected on the land to be sold.

RESOLVED: That the Board declares the land as surplus to the Council's requirements, the proposed disposal be approved, and the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to carry out the required legal work to dispose of the land.

36. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Board wished to place on record their thanks to Lynda Dine, Head of Economic Prosperity, Tourism and Culture following her departure from the Council. The Board wished her well in her new employment.

The meeting concluded at 6:29pm

CHAIRMAN