

**A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
WAS HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2016**

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), Edgar (P), Geddes, Hylands, Langdon (P), Philpott (P), Ronayne (P).

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

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

37. APOLOGIES

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

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

39. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 2015

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Economic Development Board meeting held on 25 November 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

40. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

41. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

42. LEASE OF LAND ADJACENT TO 9 THE MOUNT

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive seeking Board approval for the Grant of a 3 year lease of land adjacent to 9 The Mount Gosport, to the owners of 9 The Mount.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board were advised that the owners did not want to purchase the land.

The Board was also advised that there was no Tree Preservation Order on the tree and that there will be a condition in the lease that the tree must be maintained.

RESOLVED: That the land adjacent to 9 The Mount, Gosport (identified in Appendix A) be declared as surplus to the Council's requirements, and that the proposed Lease be approved and that the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to carry out the legal work to conclude the granting of the proposed Lease

43. LAND ADJACENT TO PREMIER INN, GOSPORT LEISURE PARK

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive advising the Board of the proposal to sell land at Gosport Leisure Park to provide a 36 bedroomed extension to the Premier Inn and the provision of additional car parking spaces at Gosport Leisure Park.

Members were advised that the hotel currently averaged 87% occupancy and that it was one of the most successful hotels in the company's portfolio.

Members welcomed the proposals and the benefit the hotel provided to the community, as a facility and providing employment.

Members welcomed that, in addition to the hotel, the Leisure Centre had also been a great success.

The Board was advised that Premier Inn had approached the Council with the proposal, and were only prepared to purchase the land and not lease it; the existing hotel was built on land that Premier Inn had purchased.

Members welcomed the additional receipt for the Council and recognised that this was the best use of the land, the provision of additional unrestricted car parking was also welcomed.

RESOLVED: That the Board agrees:-

1. the acceptance of the surrender of the land edged red on Appendix 1;
2. the intention to dispose of the land edged red on Appendix 1 in accordance with Section 123 2(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 be advertised; and
3. Subject to the responses received in relation to the advertisement set out in 2 and 3 above the freehold of the land edged red on Appendix 1 be sold to Premier Inn as set out in paragraph 2.4 of this report and it be noted that the land edged blue on Appendix 1 will be used to provide 36 car parking spaces.

44. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting concluded at 6:19pm

CHAIRMAN