

**A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD
WAS HELD ON 17 MARCH 2010**

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Searle) (ex-officio); Councillors Burgess (P), Ms Ballard (P), Carter, Cully (P), Gill (P), Hicks (P), Hook (Chairman) (P), Langdon (P), Philpott (P) and Wright (P).

It was reported that, in accordance with Standing Orders, Councillor Kimber had been nominated to replace Councillor Carter for this meeting.

62. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of the Mayor and Councillor Carter.

63. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Gill, Hicks and Hook each declared a personal interest in item 11 on the agenda (Access to Bay House School Sports Facility)

**64. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD HELD ON 25 JANUARY
AND 3 FEBRUARY 2010**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Board meetings held on 25 January and 3 February 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as true and correct records.

65. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

66. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

67. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS – TAKING ACTION TOGETHER

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive which advised Members of the progress being made in Gosport with regard to the neighbourhood / locality agenda. In addition a joint presentation on this subject was made by the Heads of Community Safety and Economic Prosperity.

RESOLVED: That the report of the Chief Executive be noted.

68. HOUSING RENEWAL POLICY 2010-2011

Consideration was given to a cross reference from the Housing Board which advised Members of the requirement for a formally adopted Housing Renewal Policy in order to deliver home repairs and adaptations in the Borough.

RESOLVED: That:

- a) the new draft Housing Renewal Policy be approved;
- b) authority be delegated to the Environmental Services Manager, subject to the Council's financial regulations, in consultation with the Chairman and Groups Spokespersons, to approve virements between capital programme budget headings in order to deal with demand; and
- c) the Housing Renewal Policy be formally adopted.

69. EXTENSION OF MANAGEMENT CONTRACT AT HOLBROOK RECREATION CENTRE

By reason of special circumstances, the Chairman determined that the following item be considered at this meeting notwithstanding the fact that the item had not been available for public inspection in accordance with the provisions of Section 100B(4)(a) of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

The special circumstances were created by the fact that the contract was due to expire on 31 March 2010 and it was necessary to extend this for a further year to 31 March 2011 while the preparation for the new leisure centre was progressed.

Consideration was given to a report of the Leisure and Cultural Services Manager which sought the Board's approval for an extension of the contract for the management of the Holbrook Recreation Centre to 31 March 2011.

RESOLVED: That the extension of the contract for the management of the Holbrook Recreation Centre to 31 March 2011 be approved.

70. TRANSFER OF PLAY AREAS AT PRIDDY'S HARD FROM BDW TRADING LTD TO GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL - REVISED PAYMENTS

By reason of special circumstances, the Chairman determined that the following item be considered at this meeting notwithstanding the fact that the item had not been available for public inspection in accordance with the provisions of Section 100B(4)(a) of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

The special circumstances were created by the fact that BDW Trading Ltd wished to complete the transfer of the areas to the Borough Council for the new financial year so that they could make the first payment in April 2010.

Consideration was given to a report of the Leisure and Cultural Services Manager which updated the Board regarding the transfer of the play areas within the Priddy's Hard housing development to Gosport Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the variation to the amount of land and costs associated with the transfer of the play areas at Priddy's Hard to the Council on the terms set out in the Report to the Board in November 2009 be noted.

71. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in relation to the following items the public be excluded from the meeting, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during these items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all circumstances of the cases, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the reports.

72. LEASE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT LANDING STAGE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Leisure and Cultural Services Manager which provided an update to Members on the status of the project to replace the landing stage and sought approval to enter into two leases with Gosport Ferry Limited as outlined in the report.

The report was exempt from publication as it contained details of the financial affairs of the Council and a third party at a time when negotiations were not finally concluded. These negotiations could be prejudiced if this information were made public which may have an adverse impact on the arrangement to the detriment of the Council tax payers. Therefore the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED: That the Borough Solicitor be authorised, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to enter into two leases with Gosport Ferry Limited on the heads of terms outlined in Section 6 of the report and to purchase the additional area of seabed from The Crown Estate as set out in paragraph 6.6 of the report.

73. ACCESS TO BAY HOUSE SCHOOL SPORTS FACILITY

Note: Councillors Gill, Hicks and Hook declared personal interests in this item but remained in the meeting room for the duration of its discussion and voting thereon.

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Chief Executive which sought authorisation to sell the Council land shown coloured blue, red and green on plan 1 to Bay House School thereby enabling the development of the proposed Bay House sports facility.

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The report was exempt from publication as it contained financial information relating to the Council and a third party, disclosure of which could affect the details set out in the report and therefore the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED: That:

- a) the sale of land shown coloured blue, red and green on Plan 1 of the report be agreed on the terms set out in the report; and
- b) the Borough Solicitor be authorised to enter into such legal documentation as is necessary to effect the above decision.

At the conclusion of the meeting Councillor Wright advised that this would be Councillor Cully's last attendance as a Member of the Policy and Organisation Board. The Chairman thanked Councillor Cully on behalf of Members for the work he had carried out for the Board over many years.

The meeting ended at 6.57 p.m.

CHAIRMAN