

**A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD
WAS HELD ON 9 JULY 2014**

The Mayor (Councillor Ronayne) (ex-officio) ; Burgess (P), Chegwyn (P), Mrs Hook (P), Hicks (P), Hook (Chairman) (P), Jessop (P), Langdon (P), Philpott (P), Mrs Wright (P) and Wright (P)

6. APOLOGIES

An apology for inability to attend the meeting was received from The Mayor.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

8. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD HELD ON 19 MARCH 2014 AND 5 JUNE 2014

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings of the Policy and Organisation Board held on 19 March 2014 and 5 June 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct records.

9. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

11. GOSPORT VOLUNTARY ACTION – ANNUAL REPORT

Consideration was given to a verbal report from David Miles, the Chief Officer at Gosport Voluntary Action (GVA).

Mr Miles advised the Board of some of the projects that GVA were involved in and the steps they were taking to support the voluntary sector.

He also advised the Board of ways in which the voluntary sector were supporting residents within the Borough.

Mr Miles provided copies of the Annual Monitoring Report 2013-2014 for Members (attached to the minutes as appendix A).

Members acknowledged the contribution that GVA made and the work that has been involved to assist the Voluntary Sector and residents of Gosport.

Members thanked Mr Miles for his presentation and requested that copies of literature that would be useful to Members be made available for distribution.

12. AWARD OF HONORARY FREEMAN

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Executive detailing proposals for Honorary Alderman O'Neill to be conferred the Title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough.

Members acknowledged Honorary Alderman O'Neill's significant contribution to the Borough.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, and in recognition of his eminent services to the people and Borough of Gosport over many years, the Board request that an Extraordinary Council Meeting be called, to confer the Title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough to Honorary Alderman O'Neill.

13. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY/ CAPITAL STRATEGY

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Treasurer requesting consideration be given to the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Capital Strategy.

Members acknowledged the work of the Borough Treasurer and his Officers during a challenging period for Local Government and recognised the importance of continuing to deliver services.

Members also recognised the importance of consulting members of the public on their priorities for services.

RESOLVED: That the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Capital Strategy as set out in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 respectively of the Borough Treasurer's report be approved.

14. DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Treasurer that proposed additions to the Council's Discretionary Rate Relief Policy relating to Reoccupation and Flood Relief.

RESOLVED: That the Board approve the Discretionary Rate Relief Policies relating to Flood Relief and Reoccupation Relief as detailed in Appendix A of the Borough Treasurer's Report.

15. EARLY RETIREMENT AND DISCRETIONARY PAYMENT SCHEME

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Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Personnel proposing an update to the Council's Early Retirement Scheme and Discretionary Payments Policy to take account of the new Pension Regulations.

RESOLVED: That the updated Early Retirement Scheme and Discretionary Payments Policy attached as Appendix A to the report of the Head of Personnel, be approved to take effect forthwith.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting ended at 18:35

CHAIRMAN