

**A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD
WAS HELD ON 18 MARCH 2015**

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

PART I/II

48. DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive updating the Board on discussions between Gosport Borough Council, Fareham Borough Council and Portsmouth City Council regarding PCC joining the Building Control Partnership.

Members recognised that the existing partnership was very successful and welcomed the extension of it.

RESOLVED That;

- 1) The Policy and Organisation Board approve Portsmouth City Council joining the Building Control Partnership, as set out in the report, subject to Fareham Borough Council also approving the proposal and notes that an agreement will need to be entered into by all 3 Councils for the delivery of building control functions across all three Council areas; and that;
- 2) The Policy and Organisation Board recommend to Council that Gosport Borough Council delegate its building control function to Portsmouth City Council, subject to Portsmouth City Council delegating its building control functions to GBC.

PART II

49. JUNIOR GOLF ACADEMY AT LEE-ON-THE SOLENT GOLF CLUB

Consideration was given to a request from Lee-on-the-Solent Golf Club for a contribution of £5000 towards the provision of a 5 hole Academy Course.

Members were advised the Fareham Borough Council had agreed to contribute £5000 towards the provision of the Course. In answer to a Member's question, the Board were advised that it was the ambition of the club to increase youth membership, including additional members from Gosport.

RESOLVED: That the Policy and Organisation Board approve a £5,000 contribution to Lee-on-the-Solent Golf Club towards the provision of a 5 hole academy course subject to:

- i. Fareham Borough Council making a similar contribution; and that;
- ii. The Club enters into a Community Use Agreement that included provision for any young person between 5 years and 18 years to become a member of the Club and Academy without restrictions.

50. GOSPORT MARINE FESTIVAL

Note: Councillors Burgess and Chegwyn declared that they had awarded the Festival grants from their devolved County Council budget; they remained in the room and took part in the discussion and voting thereon.

The Board were advised that a request had been received from the organisers of Gosport Marine Festival for the Council to provide a trophy for the Gosport Peninsular Charity pursuit race.

Members welcomed the work being undertaken by the Marine Scene and that they had held a very successful boat jumble. Members welcomed such a high profile event on the waterfront.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board were advised that it was hoped the trophy would be presented by Sir Ben Ainslie and that the Mayor would present the Turk Town Trophy. It was also confirmed that the trophy would be presented and then returned to the Town Hall.

RESOLVED: That the Policy and Organisation Board agree to the request to provide a trophy for the Gosport Peninsular Charity pursuit race with the Gas Works Trophy being used for the event.

51. STAFFING REPORT – LOCAL TAXATION SECTION

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Treasurer recommending a staffing restructure of the local taxation section.

Members welcomed the potential increase in revenue.

RESOLVED: That the new staff structures as detailed in Paragraph 2 and Appendix B of the report of the Borough Treasurer be approved.

52. TENDERS FOR THE COUNCIL'S INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FROM APRIL 2015

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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 reason for the urgent item was that the Council's current tender ends on 31 March 2015 so the Council would need to send out the letters to the appointment as soon as possible.

The reason for the delay in the report was that further market testing was carried out by retendering on a Gosport only basis to ensure the collaborative approach was producing best value for the Council. The resulting tenders received coming in at over £50,000 more than the collaborative approach indicated that this was the case.

Members expressed disappointment that there had been an increase in the premium, but recognised that this was as a result of hardening insurance markets. Members recognised premiums had been reduced significantly since 2009.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board were advised that Lot 6 Casualty covered the public liability element of insurance.

RESOLVED: That the Council renew its insurances with the insurers listed below as detailed in Paragraph 5.1 for a period of three years from 1 April 2015 with the option to extend for a further two years at the Council's discretion to 31 March 2020.

Property – Allianz Insurance PLC
Casualty and Motor – Risk Management Partners Ltd (RMP)
Fidelity, Engineering, PA and Travel - Zurich Municipal PLC (ZM)
Terrorism – Caitlin Ltd.

53. ANY OTHER ITEMS

There were none.

The meeting ended at 18.15

CHAIRMAN