

**A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD
WAS HELD ON 6 JULY 2016**

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Hook) (ex-officio), Councillors Allen (P), Bateman (P), Burgess (P), Carter, Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully (P) Edgar (P), Foster-Reed (P), Hook (Chairman) (P), Hicks (P), Hylands (P), Jessop (P), Murphy (P), Philpott (P)

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

6. APOLOGIES

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

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hylands declared a personal interest in agenda item 7.
Councillor Jessop declared a pecuniary interest in the urgent item.
Councillor Burgess declared a personal interest in the urgent item.
The Chief Executive declared a personal interest in the urgent item.

8. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

10. SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS POLICY 2016

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Executive seeking approval of a revised Safeguarding Children and Adults Policy and corresponding operational guidance to replace the existing policy and handbooks.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board were advised that the responsibilities detailed in the as those of the Head of Personnel were to be transferred to the Head of Human Resources at Portsmouth City Council.

Members welcomed the Policy and questioned whether improvements had been made to ensure that the following up of cases had been strengthened. The Board were advised that the follow up procedure had been strengthened but that it was not always possible to tell those reporting issues all of the details because of data protection laws.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board were advised that staff undertook training via an e learning package.

Members thanked officers for their hard work in producing the report.

RESOLVED: That the Safeguarding Children and Adults Policy in Appendix A of the report of the Chief Executive and the Safeguarding Operational Guidance in Appendix B of the report of the Chief Executive be approved.

11. APPLICATION TO REGISTER THE JUNCTION TAVERN AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE

Councillor Hylands declared a personal interest in the item, remained in the room but took no further part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive requesting determination of an application received to register the Junction Tavern Public House, in Leesland Road as an Asset of Community Value.

Councillor Chegwyn, ward councillor for Leesland gave the Board an overview of the recent history of the Junction Tavern, recognising its importance to the community and the effort that had gone in to restoring it.

The Board was advised that registration as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) would, if the Public House was placed on the market for sale, give CAMRA, as the ACV applicant, 6 months to raise funds to purchase the building, should they wish to.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board was advised that the owner of the freehold of the building would be advised should the registration of the property be agreed, and would be able to appeal the decision at Full Council, should they so wish.

Members welcomed the proposal, particularly as a large number of Public Houses in Gosport were closing.

RESOLVED: That the Junction Tavern Public House be registered as an Asset of Community Value.

12. NIMROD CENTRE IMPROVEMENT

Councillor Jessop declared a pecuniary interest in the item as a trustee of the Trust.

Councillor Burgess declared a personal interest in that he the centre was within his County division and the County Council had awarded the Centre £142000.

The Chief Executive declared a personal interest as he was the Council's representative on the Trust.

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.

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The special circumstances were created by the fact that the centre was keen to undertake the development work over the summer and that the project was scheduled to take 3-6 months. The next meeting of the Policy and Organisation Board was not scheduled until September.

Members welcomed the proposals and acknowledged that it would bring the centre in line with the rest of the development.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board was advised that the restricted funds highlighted in the accounts of the trust were the value of the building.

RESOLVED: That a contribution of £5,000 towards the proposed improvements to the Nimrod Centre, Grange on the terms as outlined in the report of the Chief Executive be approved.

The meeting concluded at 6.26pm

CHAIRMAN