

A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD

WAS HELD ON 8 NOVEMBER 2006

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Cully) (ex-officio); Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (P); Councillors Burgess (P), Carter (P), Chegwyn (P), Cully (P), Gill (P), Langdon (P), Smith (P), Taylor (P) and Wright (P) .

25. APOLOGY

An apology for inability to attend the meeting was submitted on behalf of the Mayor.

26. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Board meeting held on 13 September 2006 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

PART I

27. ADOPTION OF A GAMBLING POLICY FOR GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL

Consideration was given to a report of the Environmental Services Manager (a copy of which is affixed in the Minute Book as Appendix A), which sought the introduction of a Gambling Policy for use by the Licensing Board in connection with applications received under the Gambling Act 2005 and to establish a fee structure for such applications based on regulations issued by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

Members expressed concern regarding the report's recommendation that the Environmental Services Manager, in consultation with the Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board, be given delegated authority to adopt the most appropriate suitable fee structure for licences. Members felt that the Council should be recommended to approve the adoption of the highest banding permitted under the regulations.

RECOMMENDED: That:

- a) the Gambling Policy, which formed part of the report of the Environmental Services Manager, be adopted; and
- b) Council adopt the highest fee banding permitted for licences issued under the Gambling Act 2005, having regard to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport Regulations.

PART II

28. BUDGET MONITOR

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Treasurer (a copy of which is affixed in the Minute Book as Appendix B), which advised Members on forecast revenue and capital expenditure compared to the revenue budget and capital programme for 2006/07 and sought formal approval of the use of reserves to fund the projected net overspend.

Concerns were raised regarding the recommendation to write off £50,000 promised by Berkeley Homes towards the running costs of the Explosion! Museum. Members felt that officers should pursue this promised contribution and decided that it should not be written off at this stage.

RESOLVED: That:

- a) the contents of the Borough Treasurer's report be noted;
- b) approval be given to the net additional expenditure incurred in 2006/07 being met by a supplementary estimate from reserves;
- c) it be noted that variations in projected capital expenditure and funding resources will be reported as part of the capital programme in the budget process; and
- d) officers be requested to pursue again the outstanding £50,000 promised by Berkeley Homes towards the running costs of the Explosion! museum.

29. CROSS REFERENCE FROM THE CIVIC AND COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS SUB-BOARD (26 OCTOBER 2006): ROYAL HOSPITAL HASLAR – FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

Consideration was given to a cross reference from the Civic and Commemorative Events Sub-Board, which, at its meeting on 26 October 2006, had considered proposals for the extension of the Freedom Rights granted to the Royal Hospital Haslar on 11 March 1998 to include the Ministry of Defence Hospital Unit (Portsmouth). The Sub-Board had subsequently supported these proposals and accordingly recommended them to this Board.

RESOLVED: That:

- a) the extension of the Freedom Rights granted to the Royal Hospital Haslar to include the Ministry of Defence Hospital Unit (Portsmouth) be referred to an Extraordinary Council meeting to be held at 5.30 p.m. on 29 November 2006; and
- b) approval be given to a ceremony being held on 28 March 2007 in the Timespace in order to hand over the scroll of honour to the Ministry of Defence Hospital Unit (Portsmouth) and be followed by a parade along the High Street.

**30. FUNDING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT: ROWNER
(ACCESS POINT)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive, which requested a further two years of ongoing funding for the Community Development Project in Rowner.

Members were advised that Gosport Voluntary Action had requested Hampshire County Council and Portsmouth Housing Association, who were partners to the project, to consider making financial contributions for 2007/08 and 2008/09. A favourable response had been received from Hampshire County Council although it was not known what level of contribution would be made.

RESOLVED: That, subject to budgetary provision being made, the Council provide £15,000 per annum for 2007/08 and 2008/09 to support the Community Development Project – Rowner.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 p.m. and concluded at 6.45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN