

A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUB-BOARD

WAS HELD ON 9 MARCH 2010

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Searle) (ex-officio); Councillors Ms Ballard (P), Burgess (P), Edgar (P), Hicks (P), Hook, Langdon (P) and Wright (P).

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

In the absence of Councillor Hook the meeting was chaired by Councillor Burgess.

30. APOLOGIES

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

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Carter and Edgar advised that their positions as County Councillors would not influence any decisions made at this meeting.

32. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Sub-Board meeting held on 24 November 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

33. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

34. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

35. LOCAL ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT DUTY

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Economic Prosperity which advised Members of the implications of the Local Economic Assessment Duty and the actions being implemented in conjunction with Hampshire County Council (HCC) and the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH).

The view was expressed that the need for a Western Relief Road should continue to be emphasised to Hampshire County Council in order to help the local economy to develop. Members were advised that the report covered the whole economy of the town including travel to work and job density.

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Members were advised that there were encouraging signs of the local economy developing such as at Rowner, Gosport Waterfront, Priddy's Hard, Royal Clarence Marina and the site of the former Royal Hospital Haslar.

RESOLVED: That:

- a) the contents of the report of the Head of Economic Prosperity and the implications of implementing the new Duty on future Borough strategy and policy documents (including the Community Strategy and Local Development Framework) be noted; and
- b) the ring-fencing of the £6,000 allocated to the Council for 2010/11 to support any requirement to commission additional research or the compilation of a Borough assessment be approved.

36. EMPLOYMENT LAND REVIEW

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Planning and Economic Development which presented to Members a revised version of the Employment Land Review following public consultation undertaken between 5th October and 4th December 2009. Some small changes had been made and the document now needed to be published.

RESOLVED: That the Employment Land Review (March 2010), as background evidence to the emerging Gosport Core Strategy, be approved.

The meeting ended at 6.21 p.m.

CHAIRMAN