

**A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUB-BOARD
WAS HELD ON 21 JULY 2010**

The Mayor (Councillor Allen) (ex-officio); Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (ex-officio), Councillors Chegwyn (P), Edgar (P), Mrs Forder (P), Mrs Hook, Lane (P), Langdon (P) Ronayne (P) and Wright (P).

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Lane be elected as Chairman of the Economic Development Sub-Board for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Langdon be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Economic Development Sub-Board for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

3. APOLOGIES

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

The Chairman was joined by the other Members of the Sub-Board in expressing his best wishes to Councillors Hook and Mrs Hook and their family following Councillor Hook's recent illness.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Edgar and Chegwyn stated that any decisions they made as Hampshire County Councillors would not affect any decisions they made as Borough Councillors.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Sub-Board meeting held on 9 March 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

6. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

8. GOSPORT WATERFRONT MASTERPLANNING

Consideration was given to a report about the Gosport Waterfront Masterplan consultancy work currently being undertaken, explaining the process being followed and provided an update on the progress made to date.

Members were advised that the consultation exercise was due to be held in September 2010 and that the budget to undertake the Masterplan comprised £76,000 from the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire, £50,000 from two private sector organisations and £25,000 from the Capital Budget.

The Chairman reported that as the work progressed further reports would be brought to the Sub-Board and he drew attention to the need to understand priorities such as employment, the community and open space.

Members were informed that the Council owned some of the land involved and therefore it was able to control the use of this land as land owner and had some influence over the use of the remainder of the land despite it not being in Council ownership. As a partner, discussions were taking place with the Ministry of Defence regarding the land known as the retained area at Royal Clarence Yard.

Members expressed the hope that the Falklands Gardens would remain and were assured that this point had been made clear to the consultants.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

9. LDF CORE STRATEGY - PROGRESS REPORT

Consideration was given to a report on the progress of the Core Strategy and the next stage in its preparation.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

10. HASLAR - PROGRESS REPORT

Consideration was given to a report on the ongoing Officer discussions with Our Enterprise regarding the regeneration and reuse of the Haslar site.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

11. STRATEGIC ACCESS TO GOSPORT STUDY

Consideration was given to a report on the Strategic Access to Gosport Study and sought authorisation to respond to Transport for South Hampshire on the transport measures recommended for future implementation.

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Members were advised that it was difficult to predict the bus routes which could emerge as a result of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) scheme although it appeared inevitable that interchange to other bus services would continue to be required for some trips to diverse destinations, with Fareham remaining the natural transport hub for the peninsula.

Councillor Edgar reported that the bus companies had been informed of the need for a bus service from Gosport to Queen Alexandra Hospital but they presently considered such a route impossible to reliably timetable due to the congestion on the A32. However, access to the hospital had been improved in other ways, including new services.

Councillor Edgar expressed the view that the BRT scheme should enable speedier passenger transport between Gosport and Fareham than had been known since the train service was terminated and that it would potentially open up longer routes.

RESOLVED: That:

- a) the publication of the Strategic Access to Gosport Study (2010-2026) be noted; and
- b) officers be authorised to respond to Transport for South Hampshire on the lines set out in paragraph 7 of the report .

12. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman, in conclusion, thanked the Sub-Board for electing him and urged Members to contact him with any ideas or suggestions they may have on the economic development of the Borough.

The meeting ended at 6.16 p.m.

CHAIRMAN