



Notice is hereby given that a **MEETING** of the **COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GOSPORT** will be held in the **TOWN HALL, GOSPORT** on **WEDNESDAY** the **TWENTY THIRD** of **JULY 2014** at **6.00PM** AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE **COUNCIL ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS –**

1. To receive apologies from Members for their inability to attend the Meeting.
2. Election of Mayor for the remainder of the 2014/2015 Municipal Year.

To elect from the Councillors of the Borough a Mayor of the Borough of Gosport for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2014/2015.

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual and Adjourned Annual Meetings of the Council held on 4 and 5 June 2014 (copies herewith).
4. To consider any Mayor's Communications.
5. To receive Deputations in accordance with Standing Order No 3.5 and to answer Public Questions pursuant to Standing Order No 3.6, such questions to be answered orally during a time not exceeding 15 minutes.

**(NOTE: Standing Order No 3.5 requires that notice of a Deputation should be received by the Borough Solicitor NOT LATER THAN 12 O'CLOCK NOON ON MONDAY, 21 JULY 2014 and likewise Standing Order No 3.6 requires that notice of a Public Question should be received by the Borough Solicitor NOT LATER THAN 12 O'CLOCK NOON ON MONDAY, 21 JULY 2014).**

6. Questions (if any) pursuant to Standing Order No 3.4.

**(NOTE: Members are reminded that Standing Order No 3.4 requires that Notice of Question pursuant to that Standing Order must be received by the Borough Solicitor NOT LATER THAN 12 O'CLOCK NOON ON TUESDAY, 22 JULY 2014).**

7. To receive the following Part II minutes of the Boards of the Council:

- Community Board: Extraordinary meeting 9 April, 5 June and 30 June 2014
- Economic Development Board: 5 June and 2 July 2014
- Policy and Organisation Board: 5 June and 9 July 2014

8. Local Plan

The Council is required by legislation to prepare a development plan for its area. This report seeks approval to publish the Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029 for public consultation and subsequent submission to the Secretary of State and also to publish the Local Development Scheme 2014.

**IAN LYCETT  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**TOWN HALL  
GOSPORT**

**15 July 2014**

**FIRE PRECAUTIONS**

(To be read by the Mayor if members of the public are present)

**In the event of the fire alarm being activated, please leave the Council Chamber and Public Gallery immediately. Proceed downstairs by way of the main stairs or as directed by GBC staff, follow any of the emergency exit signs. People with disability or mobility issues please identify yourself to GBC staff who will assist in your evacuation of the building.**

**MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTE THAT:**

**(1) IF THE COUNCIL WISHES TO CONTINUE ITS BUSINESS BEYOND 9.30PM THEN THE MAYOR MUST MOVE SUCH A PROPOSITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 4.11.18**

**(2) MOBILE PHONES SHOULD BE SWITCHED OFF FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEETING**

**AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD**

**WAS HELD 9 APRIL 2014**

The Mayor (Councillor Beavis) (Ex-Officio) Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (P), Burgess (P), Carter C K (P), Mrs Cully (P), Edgar (P), Foster-Reed (P), Henshaw (P), Mrs Hook (P), Hylands (P), Kimber (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy and Mrs Wright (P).

It was reported that in accordance with Standing Orders 2.3.6, Councillor Hook had been nominated to replace Councillor Murphy for this meeting.

**PART II**

**50. ST VINCENT ROAD DEVELOPMENT**

Consideration was given to a report of the Housing Services Manager which outlined the progress made in developing plans for the future of the St Vincent Road bungalow site.

Further to a Member's question the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive confirmed that the purchase price for properties in the St Vincent Road Development under the Right to Buy Scheme would not be less than the 'cost floor' for the first 15 years of the development.

**RESOLVED:** That

- a) the proposal to provide up to 16 two bedroom houses on the St Vincent Road Bungalow Site, be approved; and
- b) the Housing Services Manager, in consultation with the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive and Borough Treasurer, be authorised to implement this proposal.

**51. ALVER VALLEY COUNTRY PARK**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive which proposed and sought approval for an updated strategy for the Alver Valley Country Park and a number of measures which would enhance the attractiveness of the Country Park.

In response to Mrs Jones deputation the Chief Executive confirmed further consultation and discussions would take place that would look at routes and areas best suited to Bridle Ways.

**RESOLVED:** That

- a) an updated Strategy for the Alver Valley Country Park, Appendix A in the report of the Chief Executive, be approved;
- b) the logos for the Country Park to be offered for public consultation via

- Coastline, Appendix B in the report of the Chief Executive, be approved;
- c) the proposed marketing of the Grange Farm site for use as a Garden Centre including a café and visitor facilities, be noted;
  - d) the proposed renewal of the lease to the 17<sup>th</sup> Century Living History Society as outlined in the report of the Chief Executive, which will be referred to the Economic Development Board, be noted; and
  - e) the proposal to construct a car park off Cherque Way, Appendix D in the report of the Chief Executive, and refer it to Policy and Organisation Board for inclusion within the Council's Capital Programme be noted.

## **52. REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP INTO TEXTILE RECYCLING**

Consideration was given to a report of the Textile Recycling Working Group cross referenced from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Kimber addressed the Board as he had led the Textile Recycling Working Group investigation. He advised that it had been a cross party scrutiny and that it was carried out over a period of four months.

He thanked the Members involved with the working group and advised that they had asked searching questions of those using the facilities as well as seeking the views of both Fareham Borough and Test Valley District Councils. He also thanked the officers involved for their support in bringing the report together.

Councillor Mrs Cully welcomed that charities could use the sites without charge and that the people of the Borough were able to choose which charity to support and also welcomed that the current set up left minimal waste. Councillor Mrs Cully also thanked Councillor Kimber for his leadership.

The Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board advised that he was pleased with the outcome of the report and the recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. He welcomed the work the Overview and Scrutiny Committee undertook and the cross party working that took place on the Committee.

Members paid tribute to Councillor Kimber's work as a Councillor as he would be stepping down at the next election

The Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board also thanked the Chairman of the Community Board for his leadership over the past Municipal Year.

**RESOLVED:** That Gosport Borough Council;

- A) do not enter the Framework set up by Fareham Borough Council at this time and retain the status quo, and
- B) the charities interviewed be advised to engage and discuss

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mutual benefits in combining textile operations.

**53. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

The meeting concluded at: 7:25pm

CHAIRMAN

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD  
WAS HELD ON 5 JUNE 2014**

The Mayor (Councillor Ronayne) (ex-officio) (P), Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (ex-officio) (P); Batty (P), Burgess (P), Mrs Cully (P), Dickson (P), Edgar, Foster-Reed (P), Hazel (P), Mrs Hook (P), Hylands (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy (P)

**PART II**

**5. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: That Councillor Burgess be appointed as Chairman of the Community Board for the Municipal Year 2014-2015.

**6. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: That Councillor Dickson be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Community Board for the Municipal Year 2014-2015.

The meeting concluded at 5.37pm

CHAIRMAN

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD  
WAS HELD 30 JUNE 2014 AT 6PM**

Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (ex-officio) (P), Bateman (P), Mrs Batty (P), Burgess (P), Mrs Cully (P), Dickson (P), Edgar (P), Foster-Reed (P), Hazel, Mrs Hook (P), Hylands (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy

It was reported that in accordance with Standing Order 2.3.6, Councillors Allen and Gill had been nominated to replace Councillors Hazel and Murphy for this meeting.

**PART II**

**12. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (COMMERCIAL) SERVICE PLAN 2014/15**

**Councillor Hylands declared a pecuniary interest in this item remained in the meeting room and took part in the discussion and voting thereon.**

Consideration was given to a report by the Housing Services Manager which advised Members of the requirement of the Food Standards Agency and the Health and Safety Executive respectively, that the work undertaken in the fields of Food Safety and Health and Safety at Work by and on behalf of the Council were adequately resourced and formally endorsed by the Council.

The report identified the work programme of the Environmental Health (Commercial) Team for the year 2014/2015 in relation to these services, to meet the above requirement and to satisfy agencies that adequate arrangements were in place at Gosport Borough Council.

Members queried whether the Council had enough resources to fulfil their statutory requirements due to resource and staff reductions. It was explained that joint working with Fareham Borough Council meant that the partnership had shown significant improvement and efficiency whilst delivering the same quality of service.

It was noted that the number of urgent and major improvement ratings recorded to food businesses for the 2013/14 period had decreased, however it was felt by Members that food outlets scoring poor ratings should be displayed within the premises.

The Board were advised that although food outlets had been encouraged to display certificates and stickers showing food hygiene ratings there was currently no control over national legislation and no requirement for food businesses to display poor performance where consumers could easily view them. It was reported that food business ratings were published online at <http://ratings.food.gov.uk>.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Food Standards Government Agency requesting that they investigate the possibility of businesses with poor hygiene ratings displaying certificates of performance on premises for consumers to view.

In answer to a Members question, it was confirmed that it was the Council's policy to provide advice to food businesses, which was carried out during routine inspection visits and followed up in writing.

It was reported that no bacterial problems had been found in any water sampling of the Stokesbay splash park within 2013/14.

**RESOLVED:** That the Community Board approve:

- a) the Food Safety Service Plan 2014/15 as set out at Appendix A and;
- b) the Health and Safety Service Plan 2014/15 set out at Appendix B of this report

**13. PROJECT INTEGRA DRAFT ACTION PLAN 2014-2017**

Consideration was given to a report from the Chief Executive seeking approval for the adoption of the Project Integra Draft Action Plan 2014-2017.

Members were advised that to implement the requirements of Hampshire's Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) a draft action plan was prepared annually. It was reported that all Partner Authorities at this present time were proposing to sign up to Project Integra.

Further to a Member's question it was confirmed that Gosport currently had no glass collection services however glass was collected through bottlebanks sited across the Borough and that ongoing investigations for door to door glass collection was being made.

**RESOLVED:** That the Community Board approve the adoption of the Project Integra Draft Action Plan 2014/2017.

**14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Councillors Hook, Mrs Hook and Foster-Reed declared non pecuniary interests in this item left the meeting room and took no part in discussion or the voting thereon.**

Consideration was given to a late report from the Chief Executive advising Members of two requests for assistance from the Council for Music Festivals planned in July and August 2014.

Members were advised that Gosport Community Waterfront Festival Limited had approached Gosport Borough Council to ask for the hiring fee and the reinstatement deposit at Walpole Park to be waived. It was reported that the Gosport Community Waterfront Festival Limited was a new company comprising four directors.

Members were further advised that, in respect of Gosport Festivals Limited who were the organisers of the 2013 Festival at Walpole Park, a request had been received that Gosport Borough Council waived the requirement of a reinstatement deposit.

Members were advised that both Gosport Community Waterfront Festival Limited and Gosport Festivals Limited had indicated that any reinstatement works that were required after the event would be carried out and that a contract agreement would be in place detailing the responsibility of the reinstatement works.

Further to a Member's question it was confirmed that the organiser of each event was required to pay a fee to the Performing Rights Society of which a deposit would be taken before a license was issued.

**RESOLVED:** That

- i. The Board approves the hiring of Walpole Park for music festivals on the 18<sup>th</sup> July – 20<sup>th</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup> August – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2014.
- ii. In respect of Gosport Community Waterfront Festival Limited, the Board approves:
  - a) The designation of the planned event as a community event under the Council's Fees & Charges
  - b) The waiving of the hiring fee and requirement for a reinstatement deposit for Walpole Park for the period Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 until Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014 inclusive; and
  - c) The Council enter into a licence agreement with Gosport Community Waterfront Festival Limited on terms agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive
- iii. In respect of Gosport Festivals Limited, the Board approves:
  - a) The designation of the planned event as a community event under the Council's Fees & Charges,
  - b) The waiving of the requirement for a reinstatement deposit for Walpole Park for the period Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014 until Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014 inclusive; and
  - c) The Council enter into a licence agreement with Gosport Community Festival Limited on terms agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Borough Solicitor & Deputy Chief Executive.

The meeting concluded at: 6.45pm

CHAIRMAN

**A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
WAS HELD ON 5 JUNE 2014**

The Mayor (Councillor Ronayne) (ex-officio) (P), Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (ex-officio) (P); Councillors Ballard (P), Beavis (P), Edgar (P), Mrs Forder (P), Geddes (P), Hylands (P), Langdon (P), Philpott (P) Mrs Searle and Mrs Wright (P).

**PART II**

**5. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: That Councillor Philpott be appointed as Chairman of the Economic Development Board for the Municipal Year 2014-15.

**6. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: That Councillor Beavis be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Economic Development Board for the Municipal Year 2014-15.

The meeting concluded at 5.40pm

CHAIRMAN

**A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
WAS HELD ON 2 JULY 2014**

The Mayor (Councillor Ronayne) (ex-officio), Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (P); Councillors Ballard, Beavis, Edgar (P), Mrs Forder (P), Geddes (P), Hylands (P), Langdon (P), Philpott (P) Mrs Searle and Mrs Wright (P).

It was reported that in accordance with Standing Order 2.3.6 Councillors Mrs Cully and Hook had been nominated to replace Councillors Mrs Searle and Beavis for this meeting.

**PART II**

**12. RE-NEGOTIATION OF LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR THE BRIDGEMARY, ROWNER AND WOODCOT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (BRWCA) LAND AND BUILDINGS AT BRIDGEMARY SCHOOL**

**Councillor Edgar declared that he was an Executive Member for Education at Hampshire County Council. He remained in the room, but took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.**

Consideration was given to a Report of the Housing Services Manager which advised the Economic Development Board of the proposal to surrender the existing lease agreements and enter in to new lease agreements with Hampshire County Council (HCC) and the Bridgemary, Rowner and Woodcot Community Association (BRWCA) for land and buildings at Bridgemary School.

**RESOLVED:** That the Board authorise the Housing Services Manager, in consultation with the Borough Solicitor, to:

- a) Complete the negotiations with Hampshire County Council for the surrender of the existing lease and to enter in to a new, revised, lease for the land and buildings at Bridgemary School and,
- b) Accept the surrender of the under-lease held by the BRWCA and enter in to a new, revised, lease for the same land and buildings, as set out in the report.

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 6:04pm

**CHAIRMAN**

**A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD  
WAS HELD ON 5 JUNE 2014**

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

**PART II**

**5. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: That Councillor Burgess be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board for the Municipal Year 2014-15.

The meeting concluded at 5.34pm

**CHAIRMAN**

**A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD  
WAS HELD ON 9 JULY 2014**

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

**PART II**

**11. GOSPORT VOLUNTARY ACTION – ANNUAL REPORT**

Consideration was given to a verbal report from David Miles, the Chief Officer at Gosport Voluntary Action (GVA).

Mr Miles advised the Board of some of the projects that GVA were involved in and the steps they were taking to support the voluntary sector.

He also advised the Board of ways in which the voluntary sector were supporting residents within the Borough.

Mr Miles provided copies of the Annual Monitoring Report 2013-2014 for Members (attached to the minutes as appendix A).

Members acknowledged the contribution that GVA made and the work that has been involved to assist the Voluntary Sector and residents of Gosport.

Members thanked Mr Miles for his presentation and requested that copies of literature that would be useful to Members be made available for distribution.

**12. AWARD OF HONORARY FREEMAN**

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Executive detailing proposals for Honorary Alderman O'Neill to be conferred the Title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough.

Members acknowledged Honorary Alderman O'Neill's significant contribution to the Borough.

**RESOLVED:** That in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, and in recognition of his eminent services to the people and Borough of Gosport over many years, the Board request that an Extraordinary Council Meeting be called, to confer the Title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough to Honorary Alderman O'Neill.

**13. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY/ CAPITAL STRATEGY**

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Treasurer requesting consideration be given to the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Capital Strategy.

Members acknowledged the work of the Borough Treasurer and his Officers during a challenging period for Local Government and recognised the importance of continuing to deliver services.

Members also recognised the importance of consulting members of the public on their priorities for services.

**RESOLVED:** That the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Capital Strategy as set out in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 respectively of the Borough Treasurer's report be approved.

#### **14. DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF**

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Treasurer that proposed additions to the Council's Discretionary Rate Relief Policy relating to Reoccupation and Flood Relief.

**RESOLVED:** That the Board approve the Discretionary Rate Relief Policies relating to Flood Relief and Reoccupation Relief as detailed in Appendix A of the Borough Treasurer's Report.

#### **15. EARLY RETIREMENT AND DISCRETIONARY PAYMENT SCHEME**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Personnel proposing an update to the Council's Early Retirement Scheme and Discretionary Payments Policy to take account of the new Pension Regulations.

**RESOLVED:** That the updated Early Retirement Scheme and Discretionary Payments Policy attached as Appendix A to the report of the Head of Personnel, be approved to take effect forthwith.

#### **16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The meeting ended at 18:35

**CHAIRMAN**

## AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

<b>Board/Committee:</b>	Council
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	23 July 2014
<b>Title:</b>	Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029: Publication Version
<b>Author:</b>	Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive
<b>Status:</b>	FOR DECISION

### **Purpose**

The Council is required by legislation to prepare a development plan for its area. This report seeks approval to publish the Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029 for public consultation and subsequent submission to the Secretary of State and also to publish the Local Development Scheme 2014.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the Council approves the publication of the Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029: Publication Version (as set out in Appendix A) for public consultation;
2. That the Head of Planning Policy is authorised to prepare a summary of representations received and then submit the Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029: Publication Version together with the summary of representations and supporting evidence to the Secretary of State;
3. That the Head of Planning Policy is authorised to make any Minor Modifications to the Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029 and main modifications requested by the planning inspector in order to make the Local Plan sound;
4. That the Council agrees the Local Development Scheme 2014 (as set out in Appendix B).

### **1 Background**

- 1.1 The Council as the Local Planning Authority has a duty to prepare a development plan to provide the framework for the future planning of the Borough. Development plans can comprise several documents or a single document. This Council at the Economic Development Board on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012 decided to prepare a single development plan – the Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029.
- 1.2 The Economic Development Board at its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012 agreed to the publication of the draft Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029 ('the Draft Local Plan') for consultation.

- 1.3 The preparation of a Local Development Scheme is a requirement under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended. Its purpose is to identify any development plans that the Council intends to prepare and sets out a timetable for their preparation. The Economic Development Board at its meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012 agreed to the publication of the Local Development Scheme 2012 which is updated and amended as necessary.

## **2 Report**

- 2.1 The Draft Local Plan sets out the planning strategy for the Borough for the period 2011 to 2029, identifies potential development sites and includes development management policies against which planning applications will be assessed.
- 2.2 The overarching theme of the Draft Local Plan is an employment led strategy recognising the particular needs of the Gosport peninsula. The vision of the Draft Local Plan is to take advantage of the opportunities presented by Gosport's attractive coastline location adjacent to Portsmouth Harbour and the Solent, and to make best use of its heritage assets. New development will provide a mix of employment, homes, shops, leisure and community facilities.
- 2.3 The Draft Local Plan provides a spatial strategy identifying where new development will be located during the period 2011-2029. A number of Regeneration Areas have been identified where much of this new development will be focused. These are:
- Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre (opportunities for employment, housing and retail mixed use development);
  - Daedalus (opportunities for employment led mixed use development);
  - The Haslar Peninsula (opportunities for care/medical led mixed use development); and
  - Rowner (opportunities for residential regeneration led development).
- 2.4 The value of retaining the Borough's green open spaces is recognised in the Draft Local Plan. This is highlighted by identification of the Alver Valley as a 'Green' Regeneration area which will be developed as a Country Park. The Alver Valley Country Park will retain the settlement gap between Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent.
- 2.5 The Draft Local Plan was subject to public consultation from 19<sup>th</sup> December 2012 through to 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013. This consultation was undertaken in line with the procedures outlined in the Council's Statement of Community Involvement. Fifty individuals, organisations

and interested parties made representations resulting in 486 individual comments.

2.6 No representations were received that questioned the overarching principles of the Local Plan. The key points from the representations include the following:

#### Spatial Strategy

- Consider amending the urban area boundary around Frater House (Brockhurst Gate);
- Clearer definition of Settlement Gaps.

#### Gosport Waterfront

- Number of dwellings proposed is too restrictive and should be higher;
- Should be more flexibility to use the site for residential purposes;
- Number of dwellings proposed is too high;
- Should not be prescriptive about retaining deep water facilities;

#### Haslar

- Limit on number of houses too rigid;
- Too many houses as may have impact on nature conservation sites;

#### Alver Valley

- Concern about Gateway facilities at Grange Farm and impact on listed buildings.

#### Priddys Hard

- Need to address nature conservation issues.

#### Frater House (Brockhurst Gate)

- Widen the term employment use to economic use.

#### Housing

- The housing allocation figure for the period 2026-2029 should be extrapolated from the PUSH South Hampshire Strategy annual figure for Gosport.

#### Transport

- Concern about impact on strategic highway network (M27);
- Consider that transport study is not robust and out of date. (addressed see para 2.9)

#### Open space

- Consider evidence base relating to sports facilities provision is out of date (addressed see para 2.9);

- Remove open space designation from the Frater House site.

#### Sustainable development

- Consider sustainable homes requirements are too prescriptive.

#### Nature conservation

- Concerns about the impact of air pollution on sensitive nature conservation sites;
- Concern about the impact of recreational disturbance on European designated sites.

#### Flooding

- Need further work on sequential testing and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (addressed see para2.9).

- 2.7 Details of the representations are contained in Appendix C 'Summary of Representations and Analysis of Consultation Responses'. A copy of this document is published on the Council's website.
- 2.8 In responding to these representations regard has been taken to national guidance including new national guidance that has been issued since the publication of the draft local plan. In particular the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) (2014) has been published to support the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2012) and also published was the 'Housing Standards Review' (2013) and 'Next steps to zero carbon homes - Allowable Solutions' (2013).
- 2.9 In order to address some of the comments and to be compliant with the NPPF it was necessary to undertake further evidence studies. These included updating the following: a study on Transport Modelling, an assessment on the future requirements for Sport Facilities, a Habitats Regulations Assessment, a Retail Capacity Study, a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and the Sustainability Appraisal. Copies of these studies are on the Council's website.
- 2.10 The Draft Local Plan has been amended in light of the representations where justified, new guidance and evidence. Details of these changes are contained in Appendix D 'Schedule of proposed changes from Consultation Draft to Publication Version'. A copy of this document is published on the Council's website.
- 2.11 One of the key issues in the NPPF is that the local plan needs to make provision for the objectively assessed housing need. The provision of housing to meet this need can be made solely within the Borough or where this is not possible, as there is a Duty to Co-operate, some of it may be accommodated in adjoining districts. The

PUSH Authorities have a good record of co-operating and published the South Hampshire Strategy in 2012 which set housing allocations for each district. The publication version of the Draft Local Plan in Appendix A fully reflects the figures in the South Hampshire Strategy 2012 as extrapolated to 2029.

- 2.12 PUSH has now agreed to review the South Hampshire Strategy in the light of the requirements of the NPPF. As a first step in the evidence gathering process a Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) has been prepared. This document looks at the objectively assessed housing need for the PUSH area up to 2036. Whilst the SHMA document includes figures for each district no policy constraints have been considered so these figures do not take into account the capacity to be able to deliver these figures. This will be undertaken as part of the review of the South Hampshire Strategy.
- 2.13 The Planning Inspectorate has placed considerable weight on the Strategic Housing Market Assessments in their recent examination of local plans. In order to seek reassurance that the Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029 should continue on the basis of the figures in the South Hampshire Strategy 2012 officers requested an advisory visit from an inspector. Whilst this inspector will not examine the Gosport Borough Local Plan her advice was to continue with the proposed Local Plan but to review the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment demonstrating what the capacity is in Gosport.
- 2.14 A revised Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment has been undertaken and it demonstrates that there is limited land available for housing development and there is not the capacity in Gosport to support a higher housing allocation. Accordingly until the revised South Hampshire Strategy is prepared it is considered that the Draft Local Plan should seek to meet the housing allocation figures in the South Hampshire Strategy 2012.
- 2.15 The next stage of the local plan process is to formally consult key stakeholders and the wider community under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. This is a statutory 6 week consultation process. In order to give an opportunity for people to respond within the time period and avoiding the prime holiday period it is intended to delay the consultation until the middle of August starting on 12<sup>th</sup> August through to 22<sup>nd</sup> September.
- 2.16 The Council is then required to submit the Draft Local Plan (Publication version) together with a summary of any representations received and all the evidence supporting the local plan to the Government for examination by an inspector. Authorisation is sought for the Head of Planning Policy to prepare a summary of representations for submission. The Council are not required to make

further changes to the Draft Local Plan unless it considers that it is appropriate to do so. At this stage of the process representations are considered by an inspector. If it is considered that there are significant changes that should be made to the Local Plan before it is submitted to the Government then these would need to be brought back to Members as main modifications and subjected to further consultation (The National Planning Practice Guidance considers that main modifications are those that materially affect the policies). There may be minor matters that do not materially affect the policies but may add clarity. Authority is sought for the Head of Planning Policy to make modifications on minor matters ('Minor Modifications') to the draft Local Plan.

- 2.17 It is anticipated that the Draft Local Plan will be submitted in November with an examination conducted by an inspector appointed by the Planning Inspectorate in February 2015. The Inspector will examine the Local Plan against the tests of 'Soundness'. These tests as defined in the in the National Planning Policy Framework are that the local plan is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.
- 2.18 At the examination the inspector may invite the Council to make main modifications to Local Plan in order for it to be found sound. These main modifications would need to be subject to public consultation. Authority is sought for the Head of Planning Policy to draft main modifications to the Draft Local Plan if requested by the Inspector.
- 2.19 Following the examination the inspector will issue a report and if favourable Members will be in a position to adopt the Local Plan. It is anticipate that this will be in June 2015.
- 2.20 The Local Development Scheme sets out the above process in more detail and is included as Appendix B.

### **3 Risk Assessment**

- 3.1 If the Council does not prepare a local plan the Council will have no current policies against which it can determine planning applications. The adopted local plan will become outdated and planning inspectors will attach little weight to it when dealing with planning appeals.

### **4 Conclusion**

- 4.1 The Draft Local Plan has been reviewed in light of the comments received from the previous consultation, the updated evidence and national guidance. It is proposed to consult on the revised Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029 (Publication version) and then submit it to the Secretary of State. It is also proposed to publish a revised Local Development Scheme.

<b>Financial Services comments:</b>	None
<b>Legal Services comments:</b>	Contained in the report
<b>Crime and Disorder:</b>	Policies in the local plan will through the appropriate design of new buildings will seek to minimise instances of crime and disorder
<b>Equality and Diversity:</b>	The Local Plan will seek to address issues of equality and diversity
<b>Service Improvement Plan implications:</b>	The preparation of a development plan is a key SIP measure.
<b>Corporate Plan:</b>	The preparation of a development plan meets all the Corporate priorities.
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	See Paragraph 3.1
<b>Background papers:</b>	Reports to Economic Development Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 12/12/12 Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029</li> <li>- 22/2/2012 Local Development Scheme 2012</li> </ul>
<b>Appendices/Enclosures:</b>	
Appendix 'A'	Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029: Publication Version (circulated separately)
Appendix 'B'	Gosport Local Development Scheme 2014
Appendix 'C'	Summary of Representations and Analysis of Consultation Responses (circulated separately)
Appendix 'D'	Schedule of proposed changes from Consultation Draft to Publication Version (circulated separately)
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