



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 **MARCH 2016 AT 6PM** 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. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council meeting held on 25 February 2016 (copy herewith).
3. To consider any Mayor's Communications.
4. 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 MARCH 2016 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 MARCH 2016).**

5. 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 MARCH 2016).**

6. To receive the following Part II minutes of the Boards of the Council:
  - Community Board: 7 March 2016
7. Chairman's Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee For the Municipal Year 2015-2016.

**TOWN HALL  
GOSPORT**

15 March 2016

**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.**

**This meeting may be filmed or otherwise recorded. By attending this meeting, you are consenting to any broadcast of your image and being recorded.**

**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 OR SWITCHED TO SILENT FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEETING**

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD  
WAS HELD ON 7 MARCH 2016 AT 6PM**

The Mayor (Councillor Farr)(ex-officio), Councillor Hook (P), Bateman (P), Burgess (P), Dickson (P), Edgar, Foster-Reed (P), Hazel, Mrs Hook (P), Hylands (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy (P), Searle (P), Wright (P)

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

**PART II**

**46. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That in relation to the following item the public be excluded from the meeting, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during this item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemptions outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the report.

**47. ICE CREAM CONCESSION – LEE-ON-THE-SOLENT**

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Chief Executive advising the Board of the results of an open tender exercise to re-let the Lee-on-the-Solent Ice Cream Concessions, offering a 3 year agreement, commencing 21 March 2016.

**RESOLVED:** That the Board approve a proposal to award the Lee-on-the-Solent Ice Cream Concession as set out in the report, and authorise the Chief Executive, in conjunction with the Head of Legal Services, to enter into a three year licence agreement.

**48. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 18:02

CHAIRMAN

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**TITLE: CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015-2016**

**AUTHOR: COUNCILLOR JOHN BEAVIS MBE**

Six meetings of the full committee were called during the course of the council year.

The Committee published the following report

### **Interpretation Boards**

This report concluded an enquiry undertaken by a working group comprising Cllrs Mrs Batty, Mrs Forder, Hylands and Scard. The working group was serviced by Lisa Young (Democratic Services Officer) and Sam Voller (Principal Parks and Landscape Office). The group met on five occasions as well as there being many informal and informal contacts by email, letter, telephone and face-to-face. During the meetings discussions were held with the Lawrence Family, Friends of Stokes Bay, Friends of Crescent Gardens and the Gosport Society. The working group are to be congratulated on their engagement with outside Bodies and for the thoroughness of their report.

The Report made one recommendation on a programme of work for the renovation and replacement of Boards which was subsequently adopted by the Community Board which is carrying the work forward.

### **Reports received**

#### **1. Single Equality Bill**

The Head of Policy and Community Safety presented her annual report to the Committee summarising the Council's approach to Equality & Diversity and report on progress of its corporate activities which ensure compliance to the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under the Equality Act 2010 and answering questions.

## 2. Grounds Maintenance

The Head of Streetscene updated Members on the ongoing progress made with the Grounds maintenance contract, particularly the enhancements in the communication process. The improvements were welcomed by the Committee which was pleased to hear that there had been very few complaints this year. The Committee member congratulated the Head of Streetscene on this work.

## 3. Agency Staff and Consultants

Consideration was given to a verbal report of the Chief Executive detailing the recruitment process and current agency staff at the Council. The Committee were advised of the national skills shortage in a number of areas where the Council's employ staff. The Committee were pleased with the openness and clarity of the Chief Executive's report and his detailed answers to Members questions.

## Other work

### Educational issues

Brian Pope, Area Director for the Hampshire County Council Inspection and Advisory Service, made a detailed presentation on the attainment of Gosport children at the end of each Key Stage. He was accompanied by a colleague and Councillor Edgar, Executive Member for Education, Hampshire County Council.

The Committee were advised that the attainment at Primary age was above average and on target and that Early Years attainment was particularly good.

The Committee were advised of the changes in the recording of Key Stage 4 results to exclude vocational qualifications such as BTECS. The Committee was advised that support was offered from the County Council to all schools, even if they were academies.

The Committee were advised that Hampshire were a leading authority for Education and this was recognised nationally.

## Future plans and on-going scrutinies

### Access to and use of Fort Brockhurst

Investigations were ongoing into the accessibility and use of the Fort, a visit had been undertaken to the Fort, and Officers from English Heritage had visited the working group. A further meeting has been arranged with English Heritage to carry this work forward.

The Committee were advised on the changes in the English Heritage organisation with the introduction of Historic England From the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 English Heritage split into two separate organisations. A new charity, retaining the name English Heritage, will run the National Heritage Collection of historic properties. A newly-named non-departmental public body, Historic England, will be dedicated to offering expert advice, championing the wider historic environment and providing support for stakeholders in the heritage sector.

The Working Group had met with the Historic Properties Director, South East, on 3 March 2016 who advised the Group of the Management Plan for the Fort. The Group welcomed the visit, and the progress made in making the Fort more accessible to the public.

### Chairman's comments

The Chairman is most grateful to all those members who have served on the Committee, particularly those who have given up substantial time to serve or lead the very successful working groups and for the outstanding support from the Council Officers who have worked hard to ensure the high standard achievements of the Committee.