

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 15 JULY 2015 AT 6pm**

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Farr) (P) (in the Chair);

Councillors Allen (P), Ms Ballard (P), Bateman (P), Mrs Batty (P), Beavis (P), Bergin (P), Burgess (P), Carter CR (P), Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully (P), Dickson (P), Ms Diffey (P), Edgar (P), Mrs Forder (P), Forder (P), Foster-Reed (P), Geddes, Gill (P), Hazel, Hicks (P), Mrs Hook (P), Hook (P), Hylands (P), Jessop (P), Langdon (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy (P), Philpott (P), Scard (P), Mrs Searle (P), Mrs Wright (P) and Wright (P).

Also in attendance: Honorary Freeman Hewitt and O'Neill and Honorary Alderman Foster and Kimber.

ONE MINUTES SILENCE

In order to express their sympathy regarding the recent death of Honorary Alderman John Train; Members of the Council stood in silent tribute for one minute.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Geddes and Hazel.

MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual and Adjourned meetings of the Council held on 20th and 21st May 2015 be confirmed and signed.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Fairtrade Action Group presented a certificate to the Mayor reaffirming the Borough's status as a Fairtrade Borough.

The Mayor reflected on the success of the Marine Festival and the P1 Grand Prix of the Sea. He extended thanks to all those involved and advised that Gosport was being considered to host the P1 event next year.

DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received.

QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 3.4

There were none.

PART II MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the following Part II Minutes be received.

- Community Board: 21 May and 22 June 2015 (Minute No 5-6 and 12-17)
- Economic Development Board 21 May and 24 June 2015 (Minute no 5-6 and 12 -14)
- Policy & Organisation Board: 21 May and 1 July 2015 (Minute No 5 and 11-15)

NOTE: Councillor Edgar advised he was the Chairman of the Solent Sea Rescue Partnership in relation to the Economic Development Board minute number 14.

DEVOLUTION – DEVELOPING PROPOSALS FOR DEVOLVED POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive requesting approval to develop a proposal with the other Hampshire and Isle of Wight Councils, to bring about devolution of powers and responsibilities from Central Government to the wider Hampshire and Isle of Wight area and as part of this create an appropriate governance structure that will provide for binding decisions to be made at this level.

RESOLVED: That Full Council approve the Leader and Chief Executive continuing to work with other Authorities in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to develop a proposal for submission to Government to achieve devolved powers and responsibilities from Central Government that will lead to better outcomes for local people.

OFFICER EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURE STANDING ORDERS

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive advising the Council of proposed changes to the Constitution to accord with legislation.

RESOLVED: The changes in the Constitution as set out in Appendix 1 of the report of the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive, be agreed.

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive advising the Council of progress on the recruitment of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

RESOLVED: That the composition of the Independent Remuneration Panel to include a second member representing Residents, be agreed.

The meeting concluded at 6.36pm

The Mayor.