

**A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
WAS HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2012**

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

It was noted that in accordance with standing orders Councillor Hylands had been nominated to replace Councillor Chegwyn for this meeting.

35. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from the Mayor and Councillors Chegwyn and Mrs Forder.

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Edgar declared that any decision he made at this meeting would not affect any decision made as a Hampshire County Councillor.

37. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Economic Development Board meeting held on 2 November 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

38. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

39. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

**40. SECURING TRAINING AND LOCAL EMPLOYMENT THROUGH
PLANNING OBLIGATIONS**

Consideration was given to a report of Borough Solicitor seeking approval to carry out consultation on a draft scheme to secure training and local employment through planning obligations in line with the PUSH Policy Framework: The Use of Developers Contributions to Providing Workforce Training.

Members welcomed the change to secure training and local employment through planning obligations and acknowledged Councillor Philpott's contribution in driving this forward.

Members agreed to the proposal.

RESOLVED: That the Council consults on a scheme to secure training and local employment through planning obligations secured by Section 106 agreements based on the Policy Guidance Note set out in Appendix A to the Borough Solicitor's report.

41. TOURISM PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive seeking Members' approval of the proposed tourism staffing and partnership arrangements for financial year 2012/13.

Members welcomed the proposal, but recognised that in order for the partnership to work successfully it would need to ensure that the Tourist Information Centre promoted the Council's Civic events on a greater scale.

Members were advised that improved links with Tourist Information Centre staff had been established and that the importance of Civic events had been reiterated to them.

RESOLVED: That approval be given to:

- a) payment of the annual membership subscription to Tourism South East for 2012/13 at a cost of £1330.80;
- b) entering into a one year Service Level Agreement with Tourism South East for the operation of the Tourist Information Centre in 2012/13 at a fixed fee of £51,547.00, with additional provision for the profit-sharing arrangement proposed at paragraph 4.3.5 of the Chief Executive's report; and
- c) bringing the tourism marketing service in-house (including production of the annual Visitor Guide) in line with the proposals set out in paragraphs 4.4.8 and 4.4.9 of the Chief Executive's report.

42. BOARD BUDGET 2012/13

Consideration was given to a report of Financial Services Manager requesting consideration of the Board's revised 2011/2012 and estimated 2012/13 budgets including the capital programme, and recommending thereon to the Policy and Organisation Board for inclusion in the Council's overall budget proposals.

RESOLVED: That the Board recommends to the Policy and Organisation Board its requirements for

- the revenue budget (revised 2011/12 and estimate 2012/13)
- the capital programme 2011/12 to 2016/17

43. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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The Chairman advised the Board that a Business Fair was taking place at Thorngate Halls and as of 5pm over 600 people had passed through the doors. He advised that there had been a good atmosphere and that the event was going well.

Members requested that a debrief be provided to the Board in due course on the fair.

CONCLUDED 6.09PM

CHAIRMAN