

**A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
WAS HELD ON 19 JUNE 2013**

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

It was reported that in accordance with Standing Orders, Councillor Kimber had been nominated to replace Councillor Ronayne, Councillor Hook had been nominated to replace Councillor Edgar and Councillor Mrs Wright had been nominated to replace Councillor Mrs Searle for this meeting.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Councillor Philpott thanked Councillor Lane for his contribution as Chairman during the previous Municipal Year.

7. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from the Mayor, and Councillors Ronayne, Edgar and Mrs Searle.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Councillor Mr Hook declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 8 of the agenda
- Councillor Mrs Hook declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 8 of the agenda

9. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD HELD ON 31 JANUARY AND 16 MAY 2013

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Economic Development Board meetings held on 31 January and 16 May 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as true and correct records.

10. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

12. DRAFT DESIGN GUIDANCE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive which asked the Board to consider a draft of the Design Guidance Supplementary

Planning Document (SPD) for consultation purposes in order to ascertain the views of the local community and relevant organisations.

Members were advised that there were no updates to the report.

A Member drew attention to Appendix A, Page 12 of the report to which it was suggested that the font should be enlarged.

Further to a question from a Member it was confirmed that the document would support and strengthen the decision making processes of future developments proposed within the Borough and that the document would provide a comprehensive guidance to Planning Officers, Developers and Members of the Regulatory Board.

Members were advised that a copy of the Gosport Townscape document was available to view in the Members room.

RESOLVED: That the draft Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document, as set out in Appendix A of the report, be agreed for consultation purposes.

13. DRAFT PARKING: SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive which asked the Board to consider the draft of the Parking: Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for consultation purposes in order to ascertain the views of the local community and relevant organisations.

Members were advised that there were no updates to the report and that the Parking Supplementary Planning Document was in conjunction with the Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document.

Further to a question from a Member, it was confirmed that the 2002 Standards had changed and that the planning policy documents had been deleted.

It was further advised that the new standards reflected the minimum requirements for car parking access and design rather than the maximum as previously required.

Members were advised that the document emphasised the importance of providing adequate parking and appropriate design layout to new developments. It was also confirmed that if evidence showed a development did not meet the parking needs of the surrounding area and that no capacity was available for on street parking, applications may be refused at the planning consultation stage.

RESOLVED: That the draft Parking Supplementary Planning Document, as set out in Appendix A of the report, be approved for consultation purposes.

14. TOWN CENTRE STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS

Councillor Hook and Councillor Mrs Hook declared a non 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 of the Chief Executive which advised Members of a

successful £85,000 funding bid submitted to the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) to support streetscape and signage improvements in Gosport Town Centre.

Members were advised that an update to the report recommended that Members endorse the programme of proposed works detailed at Paragraph 2.1 of the report.

Members were further advised that match funding had been identified from the Wayfinding Scheme, Hampshire County Council and the DCLG funding for the Town Centre.

It was confirmed that the proposed works to the Town Centre included the removal of redundant signage, and improved awareness to business premises displaying pointing signs indicating minutes of walking distances.

Further to a question from a Member, it was suggested that further consultation was required with the contractor to discuss the details and costs of the refurbishment to the lamp post columns.

RESOLVED: That:

- a) the report be noted; and
- b) the programme of proposed works detailed at Paragraph 2.1 of the report be endorsed.

The meeting concluded at 19:00 pm

CHAIRMAN