

**A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD
WAS HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2009**

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Searle) (ex-officio); Councillors Burgess, Carter, Chegwyn (P), Cully (P), Gill (P), Hicks (P), Hook (Chairman) (P), Langdon (P), Philpott (P) and Wright (P).

It was reported that, in accordance with Standing Orders, Councillors Allen and Murphy had been nominated to replace Councillors Burgess and Carter for this meeting.

33. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received on behalf of the Mayor and Councillors Burgess and Carter.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

35. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2009

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Board meeting held on 16 September 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

36. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

37. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART I

38. REVISED STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES ISSUED UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

Consideration was given to a cross reference from the Licensing Board held on 5 October 2009 which recommended that the Council adopt the reviewed Gambling Act Statement of Principles for the issue of licences under the Gambling Act 2005.

RECOMMENDED: That Council adopt the reviewed Gambling Act Statement of Principles for the issue of licences under the Gambling Act 2005.

39. AMENDMENTS TO THE LICENSING ACT 2003

Consideration was given to a cross reference from the Licensing Board held on 5 October 2009 which put forward recommendations for approval by the Board for onward transmission to full Council. These recommendations arose from an amendment to the Licensing Act 2003 and were duly supported by the Board.

RECOMMENDED: That:

- a) the Chairman of the Board and relevant Ward Councillors be informed of any application for a Minor Variation;
- b) the functions and powers set out in Section 2 and illustrated by Appendix A to the report be delegated to the Environmental Services Manager, following consultation with the Chairman (or in their absence the Vice Chairman) of the Board;
- c) approval be given to the Scheme of Officer Delegation in the Council's Constitution being amended by the Borough Solicitor to reflect Resolutions a) and b) above; and
- d) the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy be amended by the Borough Solicitor to reflect Resolutions a) and b) above.

PART II

40. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMAN

Consideration was given to a cross reference from the Civic and Commemorative Events Sub-Board held on 17 September 2009 which recommended that former Councillor John Train be appointed an Honorary Alderman.

RESOLVED: That former Councillor John Train be appointed an Honorary Alderman at an extraordinary Council meeting to be held on Wednesday, 25 November 2009.

41. 33 FIELD HOSPITAL, FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

Consideration was given to a cross reference from the Civic and Commemorative Events Sub-Board held on 17 September 2009 which recommended that, in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and in recognition of the provision of outstanding medical support to HM Forces and the local populations of Iraq and Afghanistan, the Policy and Organisation Board be requested to refer to an Extraordinary Council meeting, to be held on a date to be agreed, the award of the Freedom of the Borough to 33 Field Hospital.

Members were advised that the Freedom of the Borough march past by 33 Field Hospital had been provisionally arranged for 23 April 2010.

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and in recognition of the provision of outstanding medical support to HM Forces and the local populations of Iraq and Afghanistan, the Board refer to an Extraordinary Council meeting the award of the Freedom of the Borough to 33 Field Hospital.

42. TRANSFER OF PLAY AREAS AT PRIDDY'S HARD FROM BDW TRADING LTD TO GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL

Consideration was given to a report of the Leisure and Cultural Services Manager which sought the Board's approval to the transfer of the play areas within the Priddy's Hard housing development to Gosport Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That:

- a) the transfer of the identified land on the terms set out in the Leisure and Cultural Services Manager's report be approved; and
- b) the Borough Solicitor be authorised to complete the necessary legal documentation to acquire the land as public open space.

43. STOKES BAY CYCLE TRACK

Consideration was given to a report of the Development Services Manager which sought the Board's approval for the provision of a cycle track along Stokes Bay Road and the authority for officers to dedicate Borough Council land for highway purposes and to enter into an agreement with Sustrans to facilitate the works.

RESOLVED: That:

- a) the construction of a cycle track alongside Stokes Bay Road be supported, subject to a confirmation of adequate funding from Sustrans and the submission of a planning application;
- b) the Borough Solicitor be authorised to enter into an agreement with the Highway Authority to dedicate Borough Council land as publicly maintainable highway as necessary to construct the cycle track; and
- c) the Borough Solicitor be authorised to negotiate and agree a Memorandum of Understanding with Sustrans regarding funding and delivery of the scheme.

The meeting ended at 6.08 p.m.

CHAIRMAN