

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held in the Council Chamber, Totton and Eling Civic Centre at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday 19 May 2010

PRESENT Chairman: Councillor D.J. Russell
Councillors: D.A. Britton, Mrs D.M. Brooks, T.M. Bushrod, L.E. Harris, D. Harrison, D.A. Hibbert, C. Lagdon, B.D. Lucas (for Audit item only), R. F. Scrivens and A. Weeks.
Town Clerk and Committee Manager.

Also present: Councillor J.M. Sawyer

DELEGATED RESOLUTIONS NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

- 77/10 MINUTES RESOLVED
that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 17 March 2010 be signed as a true record.
- 78/10 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Councillors Mrs D.M. Brooks declared an interest in Agenda Item 6 only if detailed discussion should take place on Developers contributions as she is the portfolio holder at New Forest District Council.
- 79/10 AUDIT The Chairman introduced Mr Patrick Jarvis, the person appointed to carry out the Audit and Ian Young who did most of the day to day work on the Audit. They had both attended the meeting to discuss with Members the Audit of 2008/2009 which was now ready to be signed off. They stated the Audit had been rather more difficult than previous years with the main issue being with impairment and the reduction in assets. Members had before them the Auditors report, the Town Clerks response and the proposed Action Plan. The Town Clerk and Members expressed concern that a more vigorous regime had been introduced than in previous years with no notice being given to Parish and Town Council's. The Ministers response on that matter was noted in that the Audit Commission had made that decision. The Council's concern at the additional costs of Audit were expressed firmly to the Auditor. It was RESOLVED
- a) that the Council confirm its receipt of the Auditors report and its accordance with the comments of the Town Clerk and the proposed Action Plan.
 - b) that the Town Clerk be authorised to negotiate with the District Auditor and Accounting Solutions in relation to the fee issues.
 - c) that Accounting Solutions be informed of this Council's concern arising from the Audit and the Town Clerk agree a way forward and report back to the Committee.

80/10 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS RESOLVED
that the attached Statement of Bank Accounts and Accounts over £3,500 be agreed.

81/10 DEVELOPERS CONTRIBUTIONS The Committee considered the summary in connection with the amount of Developers Contributions held by New Forest District Council for the Town Council. Discussion took place on the monies held for car parking and Community facilities and the uses they could be put to. RESOLVED
that the Town Clerk write to the District Council to ascertain if any of the Developers Contributions held could be used for the refurbishment of the West Totton Car Park.

82/10 GRANTS The Committee discussed the report from the Committee Manager in respect of the grant applications received for consideration and it was RESOLVED
that under the following sections of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council make the following grants:

under Section 31

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| 1 | Hampshire Constabulary (Junior PCSO) | £150 |
| 2 | Hampshire Police (Community Safety Project) | £300 |

under Section 19

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| 3 | 4 th NFN Eling Sea Scouts | £392.60 |
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under Section 137

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| 4 | Totton Christian Centre | £1000 |
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| 5 | Waterside Scrapstore | £300 |
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6 that in respect of the application from Vitalise no grant be given.

NON DELEGATED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

83/10 ITEMS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES – Amenities Committee

- a) Testwood Pavilion Toilets: to approve the lowest tender sum of £6898 in respect of alterations at the pavilion to incorporate toilet facilities for paddling pool users. RECOMMENDED
that the lowest tender of £6898 be agreed.

- b) West Totton Centre Car Park refurbishment: to approve the lowest tender sum of £57061 (including fees and contingencies but excluding reinforcement for heavy vehicles). **RECOMMENDED**
 - i) that the lowest tender of £57061 be agreed.
 - ii) that the question of the reinforcement for heavy vehicles be taken to Full Council with further details.

84/10 FLAGS The Committee considered a suggestion from the Chairman of the Council that the Council purchase a Totton and Eling Flag to be used as well as the Union Flag. **RECOMMENDED**
that the Council purchase a Totton and Eling Flag and a new Union Flag.

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85/10 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS **RESOLVED**
that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is in the opinion of this Committee advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

As the following item included discussion involving the Town Clerk he left the meeting.

86/10 SUCCESSION PLANNING The Chairman of the Committee informed the Committee that he had received a letter from the Town Clerk asking for this item to be deferred and suggested that the Council take up the offer from South East Employers to address Members and answer any questions that Members may have. **RESOLVED**
that this item be deferred and that the Council ask South East Employers to attend a special meeting to meet Councillors and address any concerns they may have in regard to Succession Planning.

Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.