

EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th September, 2006 at 10.00 a.m.

Present:-

Councillor D. B. F. Burt - Chairman
Councillor D. J. Durley - Vice-Chairman

Present: Councillors Mrs L. J. Clark, A. A. J. Clarke, Mrs Q. N. D. Comfort, Mrs J. Dover, S. G. Flower, Mrs E. S. Guinn, Mrs A. Holland, Mrs P. A. Hymers, J. E. Little, D. G. L. Packer, G. W. Russell and D. J. Wallace.

Also in attendance: Councillors R. E. Daw and Mrs B. E. Manuel and Mr S Christopher (Mazars LLP).

199. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs M. F. Godfrey

200. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

201. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th September, 2006 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

202. Presentations by the Public

There were no questions, petitions or deputations received on this occasion.

DELEGATED BUSINESS

203. Reference from the Joint Consultative Group

The Chief Executive submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members considered a request from the Joint Consultative Group.

RESOLVED that subject to the agreed amendments being incorporated into the report, the report as amended be brought to the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee for approval and referral on to Council.

Voting: Unanimous

204. Auditors' report to those charged with governance for 2005/06.

The Chief Executive submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The report of the external auditor on his annual audit for 2005/06 was presented to Members for their comments.

RESOLVED that the:-

- (a) external auditors' report be accepted; and**
- (b) Chief Executive be authorised to sign the Letter of Representation.**

Voting: Unanimous

205. Development of Land off Leigh Road, Wimborne

The Chief Executive submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'C' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were requested to consider proposals from PMP for the future development of Land of Leigh Road, and to look at improving public access and security.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the recommendations of PMP be supported; and**
- (b) we do not proceed at this time with the development of the land for recreational purposes, but improve public access and security, with the costs being met from within the existing capital programme budget of Bytheway.**

Voting: Unanimous

206. Bournemouth Airport Draft Master Plan

The Chief Executive submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'D' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were requested to consider the Consultation Response from East Dorset on the Draft Master Plan.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) an objection be made to the increased passenger figures forecast in the master plan due to the related increase in transport and noise, unless the other recommendations in the report are met;**
- (b) clarification be sought to what safeguards the local residents can expect with regard to preventing the erosion of a night time 'quiet' period;**
- (c) sound insulation should be provided to affected properties;**
- (d) an objection be made to the timing of the trigger point to proposed works at Parley Cross requesting that the timing should be brought forward;**
- (e) clarification be sought that the owners of the Airport will financially support any improvement works at Canford Bottom**

roundabout required due to the rise in car movements caused by an increase in air passenger numbers;

- (f) clarification be sought to ensure that proposed road improvements that link from the Airport to the A338 come forward at a specified time to allow the minimum impact to traffic leaving and entering East Dorset District;**
- (g) in relation to the implementation of the transport schemes, there should be an explicit link between the master plan for the Northern Sector and master plan for the operational airport that details how this will be achieved; and**
- (h) the potential of the increase in jobs should be supported, although this is on the basis that related noise and transport impacts are mitigated.**

Voting: Unanimous

207. 'Design Requirements for Landscaping Residential Areas' SPG Update

The Chief Executive submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'E' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were requested to approve consulting the public on the draft revised document.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) subject to paragraph 2.4 being amended to reflect the Councils ownership of land, the draft revised document be approved for public consultation; and**
- (b) town and parish councils and a representative sample of local practicing architects and landscape architects be consulted on the draft document and the draft publicised on the Council's website.**

Voting: Unanimous

208. Mitigation of Damage to Heathlands - English Nature Policy

The Chief Executive submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'F' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were requested to agree to a short consultation, in concert with the other local planning authorities in south east Dorset, on an interim strategy for the mitigation of damage to heathlands.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) Committee approve the publication of a draft Interim Strategy for consultation, to be approved by the Chief Executive after consulting the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee and the Council's Lead Member for the Environment;**
- (b) the results of the consultation and the strategy, with any**

necessary modifications, be reported back to the Committee for recommendation to Council for adoption.

Voting: Unanimous

209. The future establishment of Development Control

The Chief Executive submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'G' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were requested to identify the need to continue to provide a quality planning service.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) to provide sufficient resources in development control to improve performance and sustain it, the principle be agreed that the staffing levels need to increase by a maximum of three**
- (b) the above be shown as a priority and considered as part of the 2007/08 budgetary process**
- (c) in the short term the planning delivery grant be used to minimise the impact of the increased cost; and**
- (d) the Chief Executive to report further as part of the Manpower Budget for 2007/08**

Voting: Nem.Con (4 Abstentions)

210. References from the Risk Management Working Party

The Chief Executive submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'H' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members considered a request from the Risk Management Working Party in connection with the Risk Management Annual Report 2005/06 and the Internal Audit Report on Risk Management.

RESOLVED that the:-

- (a) Risk Management Annual Report 2005/06, be approved; and**
- (b) Internal Audit Report on Risk Management, be approved.**

Voting: Unanimous

211. References from the Joint Consultative Group

The Chief Executive submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'I' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were requested to consider and determine various requests from the Joint Consultative Group.

RESOLVED that;

- (a) the new Retirement Procedures be adopted; and**

(b) that the updated Appeals procedure be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

The meeting ended at 12.35 p.m.

CHAIRMAN