

EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th March, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.

Present:-

Councillor S. G. Flower - Chairman
Councillor A. A. J. Clarke - Vice-Chairman

Present: Councillors M. C. Birr, D. B. F. Burt, Mrs L. J. Clark, Mrs Q. N. D. Comfort, Mrs J. Dover, M. R. Dyer, Mrs G. S. Elliot, S. C. Hearn, Mrs A. Holland, Mrs P. A. Hymers, J. E. Little, Mrs B. T. Manuel, D. G. L. Packer, Mrs P. A. Reynolds, G. W. Russell and D. J. Wallace.

Also in Attendance: Councillor M. J. Simper

527. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence on this occasion.

528. Declarations of Interest

Councillor D.B. F. Burt declared a personal interest in Minute No. 532 (The 2008 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment) and remained present.

529. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th February, 2009 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

530. Presentations by the Public

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

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

531. Investment Strategy

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 were requested to set the Investment Strategy and Prudential Indicators for 2009/10.

RECOMMENDED that:

- a) the Treasury Management Policy Statement as set out in Appendix 1 of the report is approved;
- b) the prudential indicators as set out in Appendix 3 of the report are approved;
- c) the Council do not support the appointment of external investment

advisors to manage the Councils resources at this time, but continue to support the use of external financial information.

Voting: (a) Unanimous, (b) Nem. Con. and (c) Nem. Con. (2 Abstentions)

DELEGATED BUSINESS

532. **The 2008 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment**

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.

Members were requested to approve the 2008 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment

RESOLVED that:-

- a) **Members approve the 2008 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment as an evidence base for the preparation of the Local Development Framework, and in the consideration of housing supply issues in determining planning applications; and**
- b) **the conclusions of the Assessment on the capacity within the urban areas should be drawn to the attention of the Regional Government Office in support of the Council's objection to the additional 1,000 dwellings proposed by the Secretary of State in her proposed Changes to the Regional Spatial Strategy.**

Voting: Nem. Con. (4 Abstentions)

(Councillor D. B. F. Burt declared a personal interest in this item and remained present.)

533. **Private Sector Housing Policy 2008-2009**

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 extending the period covered by the existing Policy into 2009-2010.

RESOLVED that the period covered by the existing Private Sector Housing Policy 2008-2009 be extended into 2009-2010 until such time as a new Policy is approved by Members.

Voting: Unanimous

534. **Handley Park Petition**

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 advised that this report had been brought to Committee at the request of Members who had received at a previous meeting a petition from residents of Handley Park, Sixpenny Handley. As a result of this

petition, Members had requested that a follow up report be presented to their next meeting.

Members were requested to note the actions of the Council's Officers in relation to this matter.

RESOLVED that the actions of the Council's Officers be noted and kept under review.

Voting: Nem. Con. (3 Abstentions)

535. Provisions of Land for Use as Allotments

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 agree to the leasing of land in principle to West Moors Parish Council for the development of Allotment holdings.

RESOLVED that the land identified in plan 1 of the report be leased to West Moors Parish Council under the terms detailed in paragraph 7.1 of the report and that a full public consultation exercise take place.

Voting: Unanimous

536. Cranborne Chase and Wiltshire Downs AONB Management Plan and Delivery 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 'F' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were requested to approve the Cranborne Chase and Wiltshire Downs AONB Management Plan and Delivery Plan.

RESOLVED that the Cranborne Chase and Wiltshire Downs AONB Management Plan and Delivery Plan be approved.

Voting: Unanimous

537. The Nature Conservation Supplementary Planning Guidance

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 consider approving the Supplementary Planning Guidance: The Natural Environment.

RESOLVED that the Natural Environment Supplementary Planning Guidance be approved.

Voting: Unanimous

INFORMATION ITEM

538. Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report Quarter 3

The Chief Executive submitted a report for information, 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 were updated on the monitoring of the revenue budget and capital programme.

RESOLVED that Members noted the report.

Voting: Nem. Con.

DELEGATED BUSINESS

With the agreement of the Chairman the following two reports at Minute Nos. 539 and 540 were referred by the ICT Working Party from their meeting on the 11th March, 2009. These reports were brought before the Committee in addition to the business on the agenda as a matter of urgency, and in order to comply with Government requirements.

539. Government Connect Executive Summary

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

Members were informed of the implications for Members on the implementation of Government Connect.

RESOLVED that Members noted the report.

Voting: Unanimous

540. Reference Report from the Information and Communication Technology (I.C.T.) working Party – Limehouse Publisher

The Chief Executive submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member prior to the Committee meeting as an urgent item and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'J' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were requested to consider a request from the Information and Technology (I.C.T.) Working Party.

RESOLVED that;

- a) **the purchase of Limehouse Publisher Software Package, jointly with Christchurch Borough Council, for use in preparing the Local Development Framework be approved;**
- b) **Part 4 of the Constitution, Contract and Procurement Procedure Rules section 3.3 be suspended; and that**
- c) **Officers be given delegated authority to negotiate with Limehouse**

on the cost of the purchase and maintenance of the system.

Voting: Unanimous

541. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that in view of the nature of the business to be transacted it is likely that if members of the public were present during the following items there would be disclosure to them of 'exempt information' as described in the categories indicated and they be therefore excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

DELEGATED BUSINESS

542. Refurbishment of Planting Boxes in Victoria Road, Ferndown

Exempt Information - Category 3 (Personal financial or business affairs)

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

Members were requested to approve awarding a contract in order to carry out the refurbishment works.

543. Reference from the Walford Mill Consultative Group - Renewal of Car Parking Agreement

Exempt Information - Category 3 (Personal financial or business affairs)

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

Members were requested to confirm a new agreement between this Council and the East Dorset Education Trust in relation to Parking.

544. Renewal of Ice Cream Concession - Moors Valley Railway

Exempt Information - Category 3 (Personal financial or business affairs)

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

Members were requested to confirm a new agreement for the selling of Ice Cream between Narogauge Ltd and this Council.

The meeting ended at 12.45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN