

EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th May, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.

Present:-

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

Present: Councillors M. C. Birr, M. R. Dyer, Mrs G. S. Elliot, 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, S. S. Tong and D. J. Wallace.

29. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. B. F. Burt, Mrs L. J. Clarke, Mrs J. Dover and S. C. Hearn.

30. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

31. Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 15th April and 11th May, 2009 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

32. Presentations by the Public

A deputation was made by Mrs Hilary Chittenden an East Dorset resident in relation to Agenda Item 8 – Consultation on Forestry Plan Review.

Mrs Chittenden addressed Members in relation to East Dorset's Heathland and its future, and in particular stated that the creation of areas of permanent heath must be a major part of the strategy for East Dorset.

Mrs Chittenden emphasised that it is essential that our response to the national policy is framed so to achieve the best outcome for East Dorset and to find a way of reducing the growing threats to our permanent lowland heath and to England's timber supplies.

Councillor Flower thanked Mrs Chittenden for her deputation.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

33. Local Authority Member Representation on East Dorset Housing Association Management Board

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 consider a request to reduce Local Authority Member representation on the East Dorset Housing Association

Management Board from two Councillors to one.

RECOMMENDED that;

- (a) Members support reducing the Local Authority Member representation on the East Dorset Housing Association Management Board to one Councillor; and**
- (b) The Lead Member for Health and Housing be the Council's nominated representative on the East Dorset Housing Association Management Board.**

Voting: Unanimous

DELEGATED BUSINESS

34. Wimborne Square Enhancement Scheme

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 informed of the results of the public consultation exercise; and in relation to this were requested to agree the proposed modifications to the layout and to publicise these changes on the Council's website and to sanction the Traffic Regulation Orders necessary to implement the Scheme.

RESOLVED that Members:

- (a) Approve the proposed modifications to the layout and publicise these changes on the Council's website;**
- (b) Sanction the preparation by the County Council of all the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders in order to implement the scheme.**

Voting: Unanimous

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

35. CABE Building for Life and the Development Management Process

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 the adoption of the Council for Architecture and the Built Environment's standard 'Building for Life' as Supplementary Planning Guidance, and the implications of the Government's support for a 'development management approach.

RECOMMENDED that:

- a) the Council for Architecture and the Built Environment's Building for Life Standard be adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the design policies in the Local Plan;**
- b) the Council adopts the 'development management' approach and**

receives a report at a future meeting on the standards, approaches and procedures that should be adopted to put this approach in place.

Voting: Unanimous

DELEGATED BUSINESS

36. Consultation on Forestry Plan Review

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 Councils proposed responses to a consultation by the Forestry Commission on an update to the national Forestry Plan.

In relation to Appendix 1 Question 1 Members felt that a comment should be included in order to emphasise the Councils support to a net increase in varied woodland.

RESOLVED that subject to the response to question 1 in Appendix 1 being delegated to Officers to amend in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, the responses set out in Appendix 1 to the report be made on behalf of the Council.

Voting: 12:1

37. Household Survey - Footprint Ecology

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 advised of the outcome of the work jointly commissioned by this authority which will provide part of the evidence base for the Heathland Policy Development Plan Document currently in preparation and to consider further actions to establish the value of SANGs.

RESOLVED that the Council's representative on the Interim (Heathland) Policy Framework Executive Committee should be authorised to support the establishment of a trial Strategic Alternative Natural Greenspace using IPF funds to test the effectiveness of the approach.

Voting: 11:1

38. Bournemouth to Hurn and the Airport Cycle Route

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.

Further to the report Members were advised of the outcome of the meeting of the Roads and Rights of Way Committee which met on the 12th May,

2009. In relation to this the Leader advised that the County Council had made a decision to defer the report in order that additional investigations be carried forward into the most appropriate route.

RESOLVED that the report be deferred until such time as more information has been gathered in relation to the most appropriate route, and in addition to this the Council express their concerns to the County Council over the use of Route 2.

Voting: Unanimous

The meeting ended at 12.11 p.m.

CHAIRMAN