



GOSPORT
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S U M M O N S

MEETING: Policy and Organisation Board
DATE: 28 September 2022
TIME: On the conclusion on Full Council, but no earlier than 8.00 pm
PLACE: Council Chamber
Democratic Services contact: Lisa Young

PAUL GRANT
BOROUGH SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Mayor, (ex-Officio)

Councillor Chegwyn (Chairman)

Councillor Burgess
Councillor Hylands
Councillor Marshall

Councillor Pepper
Councillor Philpott
Councillor Raffaelli

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NOTE:

- i. Councillors are requested to note that, if any Councillor who is not a Member of the Board wishes to speak at the Board meeting, then the Borough Solicitor is required to receive not less than 24 hours prior notice in writing or electronically and such notice shall indicate the agenda item or items on which the member wishes to speak.
- ii. Please note that mobile phones should be switched off or switched to silent for the duration of the meeting.
- iii. This meeting may be filmed or otherwise recorded. By attending this meeting, you are consenting to any broadcast of your image and being recorded.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for non-attendance**
2. **Declarations of interest**
3. **Minutes of the meeting of the board held on 13 July 2022** (Pages 7 - 10)
4. **Deputations - Standing Order 3.4**

(NOTE: The Board is required to receive a deputation(s) on a matter which is before the meeting of the Board provided that notice of the intended deputation and its object shall have been received by the Borough Solicitor by 12 noon on Monday 26 September 2022. The total time for deputations in favour and against a proposal shall not exceed 10 minutes).

5. **Public Questions - Standing order 3.5**

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6. **Transport for the South East Consultation on their Strategic Investment Plan** (Pages 11 - 26)

This report sets out details of Transport for the South East (TfSE) Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) consultation and the Borough Council's formal response.

7. **Gosport - the Digital Peninsula digital strategy for the borough.** (Pages 27 - 46)

This report sets out the key elements of 'Gosport – the Digital Peninsula' the digital strategy for the borough. Currently in draft form it is intended to undertake a consultation exercise with partners on its priorities and in response develop a detailed action plan.

8. **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund - Review of Arrangements** (Pages 47 - 64)

To seek Members approval for a revised arrangement regarding the neighbourhood portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which the Council is currently collecting from developers.

9. **Welfare Support- Housing Support Fund Tranche 2 April 22 to September 22** (Pages 65 - 76)

This report sets out the actions taken to award entitlements to Food Vouchers from national Government funding via a Hampshire County Council grant to Gosport residents.

10. **Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme** (Pages 77 - 102)

This report sets out the requirements for the Council to approve a Discretionary Council Tax Rebate Scheme to supplement the standard "Council Tax Rebate" scheme prescribed by Government.

11. **Changes to Business Rate Discretionary Reliefs - COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF)** (Pages 103 - 106)

The purpose of this report is to consider proposed changes to the Council's Discretionary Rate Relief Policy to include a Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF) which have been approved by way of an urgent delegated decision.

12. **Any other items**

13. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: That in relation to the following item the public should be excluded from the meeting, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during this item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all circumstances of the cases, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the report.

14. **Acquisition of the Freehold Building the former Criterion Theatre, The Towers, Forton Road, Gosport PO12 3HA** (Pages 107 - 120)

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This report sets out the details of the Council's proposed purchase of the former Criterion Theatre, The Towers, Forton Road, Gosport PO12 3HA ("The Criterion")