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**20 September 2024**

## **S U M M O N S**

**MEETING:** Policy and Organisation Board  
**DATE:** 30 September 2024  
**TIME:** 6.00 pm  
**PLACE:** Council Chamber  
**Democratic Services contact:** Lisa Young

PETER BAULF  
BOROUGH SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

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### **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

The Mayor, (ex-Officio)

Councillor Chegwyn (Chairman)  
Councillor Hylands (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Philpott  
Councillor Hutchison  
Councillor Raffaelli

Councillor Mrs Cully  
Councillor Cox

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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**

To receive apologies for non attendance

2. **Declarations of interest**

All Members are required to disclose at this point in the meeting or as soon as possible thereafter, any disclosable pecuniary interest or personal interest in any item(s) being considered at this meeting.

3. **Minutes of the meeting of the board held on 3 July 2024.** (Pages 7 - 10)

To sign as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2024

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 Thursday 26 September 2024. The total time for deputations in favour and against a proposal shall not exceed 10 minutes).*

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

*(NOTE: The Board is required to allow a total of 15 minutes for questions from Members of the public on matters within the terms of reference of the Board provided that notice of such Question(s) shall have been submitted to the Borough Solicitor by 12 noon on Thursday 26 September 2024)*

6. **Government consultation on proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system** (Pages 11 - 72)

To brief Members regarding the content of the Government's consultation document 'Proposed reforms the National Policy

Planning Framework (NPPF) and other changes to the planning system and set out key matters to form the basis of the Council's formal response to the Government

7. **Sale of freehold land & buildings at Ham Lane, Gosport, (known as Blakes Maternity Home) to Vivid Homes** (Pages 73 - 76)

This report sets out the background and proposals following discussions with Vivid Homes, for their purchase of the freehold interest of the above site which is currently leased to them by the Council.

8. **Revised Corporate Health and Safety Policy** (Pages 77 - 94)

This report introduces a revised and updated Health and Safety Policy for comment and approval.

9. **Annual Governance Statement 2022/23** (Pages 95 - 120)

To seek approval from Members in regards to the final Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2022/23.

10. **Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2023/24.** (Pages 121 - 146)

To seek approval from Members in regards to the final Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2023/24

11. **2023/24 Interim Audit Results Report** (Pages 147 - 182)

This report summarises the status of our 2023/24 audit. We will update the Policy and Organisation Board at its meeting scheduled for 30 September 2024 on further progress to that date and explain the remaining steps to the issue of our final opinion.

12. **Final Accounts 2023/24** (Pages 183 - 308)

This report summarises the outturn position for the 2023/24 financial year and recommends the approval of the Statement of Accounts for 2023/24.

An update on the audit backlog situation is also provided for information

13. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REVIEW 2023/24, PROGRESS REPORT 2024/25, & PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS**  
(Pages 309 - 326)

The annual treasury report is a requirement of the Council's reporting procedures and covers the treasury activity for 2023/24 together with an in year review 2024/25. The report also includes the Prudential Indicators for 2023/24 in accordance with the requirements of the Prudential Code.

14. **Any other items**

To consider any other items of business

15. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

That in relation to the following items 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 reports.

16. **Gosport Ferry Company** (Pages 327 - 330)

To consider the report of the Head of Finance.

17. **Criterion Theatre** (Pages 331 - 446)

Report to follow