

**A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD  
WAS HELD ON 29 NOVEMBER 2023**

Councillors Burgess, Chegwyn, Hutchison, Pepper, Raffaelli, Mrs Cully and Ms Ballard  
(substitute for Councillor Hylands)

**PART II MINUTES**

**28. PRESENTATION - CITIZENS ADVICE GOSPORT**

A presentation was given by Citizen's Advice Gosport detailing their work over the year to date. They explained that there was a greater demand for their services and that cases were becoming increasingly complex.

**29. MAY 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS**

Consideration was given to a report detailing the proposed changes to the Polling Places for electors in the Lee East 2 and Lee West 3 Polling Districts.

It was requested that recommendation ii) be amended to ensure that consultation was undertaken with the group leaders.

RESOVLED: That the Board:

- i) approves the recommendations of the Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer with regard to the Polling Places for electors in Polling Districts Lee East 2 and Lee West 3;
- ii) provides delegated authority to the Returning Officer in consultation with the group leaders to make changes to the Polling Places required for use at these Polls.

**30. DIGITAL STRATEGY - PROJECT DELIVERY PLAN**

Consideration was given to a report of the Economic and Regeneration Manager seeking approval for the proposed project plan & delivery timetable and asks the Board to note overall progress against the project programme.

The Board was advised that the roles in place were different to previous tourist information roles and that the aim was to increase digital presence. The continuation of the role was unknown but would be assessed as time developed.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Board notes the progress of Year One delivery as set out in Section 2 of this report.
2. That the Board approves the Year Two project plans set out in Section 3, to be delivered by March 2024 in accordance with the UKSPF funding criteria.

3. That the Board approves the Year Three project plans set out in Section 4, in accordance with the UKSPF funding criteria.
4. That the Board approves the Year Three plan for one full time resource to be funded through UKSPF funding criteria set out in Section 5.

## **32. CRITERION THEATRE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Economic and Redevelopment Manager providing an update the Board and to request approval from the Policy & Organisation Board for the release of capital expenditure to complete the work required to develop a Business Case.

The Board was advised of a typographical amendment that was updated as a consultant had yet to be appointed.

Members questioned that they were being asked to fund additional spend on business cases without seeing the work undertaken to date.

The Board was advised that commercial examples had been studied and this had progressed to CIC and Charity based models, and that visits to similar venues had been undertaken.

Members reiterated concern that they had not seen work of the progress to date and questioned when they would receive the outcome of the additional work that funds were being sought for. Members also questioned initial claims that work would be grant funded, but that there was no evidence of this to date

It was acknowledged that this would be a minimum of four months as a consultant was yet to be appointed.

The Board was advised that the completed business case would allow for grants to be applied for.

Members reiterated the desire to see the business case once the further work had been undertaken.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Board:

1. Note the progress of the project.
2. Approve the release of the capital expenditure required to continue the development of the Business Case.
3. Delegate's approval to the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive Officer and the Leader of the Council, to appoint a selected Business Development Consultant to undertake this work.

**33. ANY OTHER ITEMS**

It was acknowledged that press officers Kerri Pope and John Millard were leaving the Council and was requested that thanks be placed on record for their work.

**CHAIRMAN**

Concluded at 7.17 pm