

**A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
WAS HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Councillors Bateman, Blackman, Burgess (Substituting for Beavis), Carter, Mrs Cully, Earle (Substituting for Pepper), Mrs Furlong, Hammond (Substituting for Ms Ballard), Hook (Substituting for Raffaelli) Mrs Huggins, Hutchison, Johnston, Miss Kelly and Philpott

PART II

21. GOSPORT COMMUNITY LOTTERY EVALUATION

Consideration was given to a report providing Members with information as an evaluation in respect of the Gosport Community Lottery.

Some Members expressed concern that they felt the lottery encouraged gambling and did not support it, but acknowledged that funds had been raised for charities.

Some Members congratulated GVA on the successful anniversary of the lottery running and welcomed that the money raised went to charity. Members particularly welcomed that the charity to support could be chosen by the lottery player and that this was a different experience to other forms of gambling.

A Member questioned the process of the distribution of the funds from the lottery and stated that it had been initially agreed that a group comprising the political group leaders would make the decision.

The Board was advised that it was not resolved that the political group leaders be party to the award of funds, but that they would consider the process of the allocation of the awards. It was requested that a further update be provided as to why this had not taken place.

It was confirmed that GVA met twice yearly to consider applications and distribute awards.

Members were advised that the application process to register as a good cause was well publicised and simple to access.

It was felt that the lottery was optional to play and allowed the public to support local charities. In addition, the Gosport lottery was an online process that did not provide an illegal activity and that people with gambling addictions would play other lotteries if the Gosport Lottery was not available.

Some Members felt that provision should be made to ensure that the public did not overplay the lottery and that a greater responsibility should be taken to protect those with addiction problems, particularly as players received reminders about signing up to play.

**22. SURRENDER OF EXISTING LEASE AND REGRANT OF NEW LEASE OF
LAKESIDE CAFÉ, COMPASS POINT**

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Consideration was given to a report of the Property Services Manager seeking the Board's approval to accept the surrender of the current lease and grant a new lease to the new owner of the Lakeside Café based at the Compass Point, Walpole Park, Gosport.

Members welcomed the café and support for it as Walpole Park was essential to the Town Centre and supporting the businesses in it was essential.

The Board was advised that as landlords the Council were responsible for the maintenance of the external elements of the building, the including the walkway and the balcony and that the Council had spent approximately £17000 on maintenance of the building.

Members recognised that the business would be further enhanced by the recently approved installation of additional equipment to Walpole Park.

Members welcomed that the Council had invested in the building and provided a top class facility for the model yacht club.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board was advised that it was not believed that there was any outstanding rent, but that this could be checked and clarified.

Members also welcomed the potential to enhance the night time economy and that the café was popular, the Board also welcomed the opportunity to look at other concessions for activities for the area.

RESOLVED: That the Board's approves the surrender of the current lease and grant a new lease to the new owner of the Lakeside Café based at the Compass Point, Walpole Park, Gosport

23. LAND AT GRANGE FARM, ROWNER FOR GARDEN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT & GATEWAY

Consideration was given to a report detailing the long leasehold disposal of land at Home Heath.

Members welcomed the proposal and the benefit it would bring to the area. Members welcomed the inclusion of a garden centre and associated facilities and welcomed the improvements to the 17th Century village.

RESOLVED: that the Economic Development Board agree:

1. The long leasehold disposal of approx. 5.70 acres of land outlined red on the plan at Appendix A of this report in lieu of the approx 5 acres recommended for disposal at Appendix A of the September 2018 Report (attached herewith at Appendix B).
2. To authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Deed of Variation with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO), to vary the wording of the existing restrictive covenant affecting the site to permit the site to be used as a retail garden centre and Gateway into the Alver Valley Country Park.

24. ANY OTHER ITEMS

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The Board was advised that the Gosport had been one of 69 towns across England to receive an in principle agreement to host a High Street Heritage Action Zone.

Members requested that their thanks be recorded to the Economic Development Manager for his work in securing the award of funding

CHAIRMAN

Concluded at 6.48 pm