



DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

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Dennis Holmes, Town Clerk

11th March, 2009

Dear Sir or Madam,

A MEETING of the POLICY COMMITTEE will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, DORCHESTER on TUESDAY, 17th MARCH, 2009 commencing at 7.00pm.

I hope that it will be convenient for you to attend.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk

Public Rights to Speak

If any member of the public wishes to speak at this meeting they may be allowed to do so at the discretion of the Chair. It would be helpful if anyone who wishes to address the Committee made their desire known to the Chair before the meeting starts: anyone allowed to speak will be expected to confine their comments to the matter in hand and to be as brief as is reasonably possible.

Declaration of Interests

Members are reminded that the Code of Conduct requires Members to declare any interest which they have in any matter under discussion. If the interest is regarded as a Personal Interest the Member may remain and take part in the consideration of the item but if the interest is a Prejudicial Interest the Member must withdraw from the Chamber during the consideration of it.

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **MINUTES**

To read, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 20th January, 2009 (adopted by Council on 27th January, 2009).

3. **RESOURCES PANEL**

To consider the Minutes of the Meeting of the Resources Panel held on 24th February, 2009 (copy enclosed).

4. **RURAL SERVICES NETWORK**

To consider the enclosed copy invitation to join the Rural Services Network. (A copy of a leaflet explaining the work of the Network is also enclosed for information.)

5. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT**

(a) **Cash Deposits**

Further to Minute 40(a) to consider the enclosed report of the Financial Service Provider.

(b) **Borrowings**

Further to Minute 40(b) to consider the enclosed report of the Financial Service Provider.

6. **MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS**

To consider the enclosed copy Management Accounts for the period ended 28th February, 2009.

7. **MEMBER DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING STRATEGY**

In accordance with the approved programme for the periodic review of the various documents comprising the Council's corporate governance structure to consider the enclosed copy of the existing Member Development and Training Strategy.

8. **PAY AWARD**

To note that agreement has been reached nationally on the pay award effective from 1st April, 2008. An interim award of 2.45% had been applied in October, 2008 in accordance with the decision of the National Joint Council pending the outcome of arbitration which has resulted in the award of an additional 0.3%.

9. **URGENT ITEMS**

To consider any other matters which the Chairman or Town Clerk decides are urgent.

10. **PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

To resolve "That in view of the fact that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the following matter the public and representatives of the press be excluded from this meeting during its discussion."

11. **BAD DEBTS**

To consider the enclosed report of the Financial Service Provider recommending the writing-off of three bad debts in the total sum of £877.74 and to receive and note the list of debts and credits written off by the Town Clerk in accordance with Financial Regulation 5.3 in a net credit total of £283.52.