



DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

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Dennis Holmes, Town Clerk

12th January, 2011

Dear Sir or Madam,

A MEETING of the **POLICY COMMITTEE** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, DORCHESTER** on **TUESDAY, 18th JANUARY, 2011** 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 16th November, 2010 (adopted by Council on 23rd November, 2010).

3. **MINUTES OF OTHER COMMITTEES**

To consider the under-mentioned Minutes of the Committees stated (copies enclosed):

(a) Planning and Environment Committee – 4th January, 2011

Minute 47 – Grit Bins
Minute 49 – Estimates

(b) Management Committee – 11th January, 2011

Minute 46(b) – Trees in South Walks and Salisbury Walk
Minute 47 – Estimates 2011-12

4. **EXTERNAL AUDIT: ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER – 2009-10**

To receive and consider the enclosed copy of the Annual Audit Letter in respect of 2009-10.

5. **INTERNAL AUDIT**

To consider the most recent reports of the Council's Internal Auditor (copies enclosed).

6. **MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS**

To consider the enclosed copy Management Accounts for the period ended 31st December, 2010.

7. **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

To consider the enclosed copy of a draft updated Medium Term Financial Strategy.

8. **HEART TOWN PROJECT**

In accordance with Minute 24 to give further consideration to the enclosed revised draft agreement in respect of the proposed designation of Dorchester as a Heart Town.

9. **LOCALISM BILL**

To receive and consider the enclosed copy report of the Town Clerk on the apparent implications of the Localism Bill for town and parish councils.

10. **CITY STATUS COMPETITION**

To consider the enclosed copy report of the Town Clerk.

11. **WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL – LAND DISPOSALS**

To consider offers received from the West Dorset District Council to transfer the ownership of All Saints Church, a strip of land at Orchard Street and two footpaths off Barnes Way to the Council for nominal considerations of £1 each.

12. **DORCHESTER WEST STATION – ACCESS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE**

To consider a request received from Dorset County Council for this Council to contribute the sum of £10,000 towards the costs of the scheme to provide improved access for

disabled people to Dorchester West Station. Should the Committee be minded to accede to the request it would be possible to split the Council's contribution across two financial years, 2011-12 and 2012-13.

13. **SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS**

To consider the enclosed copy report of the Town Clerk.

14. **GRIT BINS**

In the light of Minute 47 of the Planning and Environment Committee to review the Council's policy in respect of the provision of grit bins.

15. **GENERAL FUND BALANCE – 2011-12**

In accordance with Minute 11 to consider the enclosed report of the Financial Service Provider on an appropriate minimum level of General Balance for 2010-11.

16. **DRAFT BUDGET AND ESTIMATES – 2011-12**

(a) To consider the draft Estimates for the Policy Committee for 2011-12 (copy enclosed).

(b) To consider the draft Estimates for the Management and Planning and Environment Committees for 2011-12 (copies enclosed).

(c) To consider the Budget for 2011-12 and to recommend a precept to the Council. (Enclosed are copies of a table showing the impacts of alternative levels of precept and a summary of the principal issues affecting the Budget.)

17. **URGENT ITEMS**

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