



# DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

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**Dennis Holmes, Town Clerk**

16th March, 2011

Dear Sir or Madam,

**A MEETING of the POLICY COMMITTEE will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, DORCHESTER on TUESDAY, 22nd MARCH, 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 18th January, 2011 (adopted by Council on 25th January, 2011).

3. **RESOURCES PANEL**

To receive and consider the Minutes of the Meeting of the Resources Panel held on 22nd February, 2011 (copy enclosed).

4. **MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS**

To consider the enclosed copy Management Accounts for the period ended 28th February, 2011.

5. **STATUTORY CHARGE FOR CAPITAL – 2010-11**

To consider the enclosed copy report of the Financial Services Provider.

6. **BOROUGH GARDENS – PROPOSED DRINKING WATER FOUNTAIN**

At its meeting on 16th November, 2010 the Committee deferred a decision on the Recommendation of the Borough Gardens Panel that a drinking water fountain should be installed in the Borough Gardens Play Area pending further investigations into the health and safety implications of doing so (Minute 20(2) refers). The report of the Compliance Manager is attached for consideration.

7. **TOWN WALKS**

To consider the enclosed copy report of the Town Clerk on the proposed dedication of the Town Walks as public footways to secure their future maintenance by Dorset County Council.

8. **DORCHESTER HIGHWAY TREES PARTNERSHIP**

Further to Minute 22(3) to consider the enclosed copy report of the Town Clerk.

9. **STANDING ORDERS, ETC – REVIEW**

To consider the changes proposed in the enclosed copy revision-marked version of the Council's Financial Regulations, Standing Orders and Delegation Scheme. The revisions incorporate those approved pursuant to Management Committee 6 arising from the take-over of the management of Dorchester's cemeteries by the Council. A further revision is likely to be required in the fairly near future when the precise nature of the future probity regime becomes clear.

10. **REMUNERATION SCHEME – REVIEW**

To undertake the quadrennial review of the Council's Remuneration Scheme (copy enclosed).

11. **DRAFT CODE OF LOCAL AUTHORITY PUBLICITY**

To consider this draft Code which has been laid before both Houses of Parliament (copy enclosed).

12. **CONSULTATION PAPER – COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BUY**

To consider the enclosed copy of the summary of questions posed in this consultation paper, a full copy of which is available on request.

13. **CONSULTATION PAPER – COMMUNITY RIGHT TO CHALLENGE**

To consider the enclosed copy of the summary of questions posed in this consultation paper, a full copy of which is available on request.

14. **URGENT ITEMS**

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