

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY COMMITTEE

18th JULY, 2006

At a Meeting of the Policy Committee held on 18th July, 2006:

PRESENT The Mayor (Councillor R.B. Potter) and Councillors R.M. Biggs, T.C.N. Harries, C.M. Hebditch, S.C. Hosford, Trevor Jones (Chairman), P.G. Mann and L.M. Phillips.

1. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 16th May, 2006, adopted by Council on 23rd May, 2006, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2. **PERFORMANCE AND POLICY PLAN 2006**

The Committee noted that the Performance and Policy Plan for 2006-07 was published on 30th June, 2006 in accordance with statutory requirements.

3. **ASSOCIATION OF LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS**

Further to Minute 84 (2003/04) the Committee noted that the Town Clerk had formally informed the Association of Larger Local Councils that the Council will not be renewing its membership when its current subscription expires.

4. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

As an urgent item the Committee noted that Councillor A.J. Lyall had resigned his positions on the Planning and Environment Committee and the Traffic Panel with effect from 15th July, 2006. The vacancy on the Traffic Panel would be dealt with by the Planning and Environment Committee but it was this Committee's responsibility to consider the arrangements (if any) for filling the vacancy on the Planning and Environment Committee.

It was

RESOLVED

That all Members be informed of the vacancy and invited to volunteer to serve on the Planning and Environment Committee at the next Council Meeting.

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

It was

RESOLVED

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.

7. PROPOSED DEPOT AT LOUDS MILL

Further to Minute 33 (2005/06) the Committee consider the report of the Town Clerk on the tenders recently received for the construction of Louds Mill Depot, work on which was scheduled to start on 2nd October, 2006.

The tenders received were in the following sums:

£336,651.00
£370,933.00
£371,816.00
£372,819.00
£385,685.00
£436,258.00

The Architect had checked the priced Bill Of Quantities of the lowest tenderer and had found it to be correct: the precise arrangements for funding would be determined by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and the Council's Financial Service Provider in accordance with the authority granted at Minute 33 (2005/06).

It was

RECOMMENDED

That the lowest tender, that of R.B. Snook Building Limited of Sturminster Newton in the sum of £336,651.00, be accepted and the Town Clerk be authorised to take all necessary steps to achieve the earliest possible completion of the works.

Chairman