

BOROUGH OF POOLE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL

11TH MAY 2010

The Meeting commenced at 11.00am, adjourned at 12.37pm and reconvened at 6:00pm on 12th May 2010, concluding at 8:550pm.

Present:

Councillor Meachin (Mayor)
Councillor Mrs Lavender (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Bulteel (Sheriff)
Councillors Adams, Ms Atkinson, Brooke, Brown, Burden, Mrs Butt, Chandler, Clements, Collier, Curtis, Eades, Mrs Evans, Leverett, Mrs Long, Maiden, Mason, Montrose, Parker, Mrs Rampton, Sorton, Mrs Stribley, Trent, Mrs Walton, White, Wilkins, Miss Wilson, Wilson and Woodcock

Members of the public present at the Meeting: 87 approximately

C1.10 PRAYERS

Prayers were said.

C2.10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Dion, Gillard, Godfrey, Gregory, Mrs Haines, Matthews, Plummer and J Rampton.

C3.10 ELECTION OF MAYOR

RESOLVED that, Councillor Chris Bulteel, be elected Mayor, incorporating the Honorary Titles of Admiral of the Port of Poole, Mayor of the Staples and Clerk of the Market of the Borough, for the ensuing Municipal Year.

C4.10 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Mayor made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair.

C5.10 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

Councillor Bulteel, (Mayor) in the Chair.

The Mayor appointed, Reverend Robert (Bob) Mason as his Chaplain for the ensuing Municipal Year.

C6.10 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLVED that, Councillor, the Reverend Charles K Meachin be elected Deputy Mayor, incorporating the Honorary Title of Senior Bailiff of the Borough, for the ensuing Municipal Year.

C7.10 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Deputy Mayor made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

C8.10 ELECTION OF SHERIFF

RESOLVED that, Councillor Graham Wilson, be elected Sheriff of the Borough, for the ensuing Municipal Year.

C9.10 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 12.37pm.

RECONVENED MEETING OF ANNUAL COUNCIL 12TH MAY 2010

The Meeting reconvened at 6:00PM, and concluded at 8:37pm.

Present: Councillor Bulteel (Mayor)
Councillor the Reverend Meachin (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Wilson (Sheriff)
Councillors Adams, Ms Atkinson, Brooke, Brown, Burden, Mrs Butt, Chandler, Clements, Collier, Curtis, Mrs Dion, Eades, Mrs Evans, Gillard, Godfrey, Gregory, Mrs Haines, Mrs Lavender, Leverett, Mrs Long, Maiden, Mason, Matthews, Montrose, Mrs Moore, Parker, Plummer, Rampton, Mrs Rampton, Sorton, Mrs Stribley, Trent, Mrs Walton, White, Wilkins, Miss Wilson and Woodcock

Members of the public present at the reconvened Meeting: 7 approximately.

Members of the Standards Committee present: 1

C10.10 PRAYERS

Prayers were said.

C11.10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen and Mrs Deas.

C12.10 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council held on 6th April 2010, having been previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record subject to the addition of Councillor Matthews in the list of Members present and the recording of his declaration of a

personal interest in Agenda item 12 “Primary Capital Programme: Review of the Medium Term Investment Plan”.

C13.10 WELCOME TO THE RECENTLY ELECTED NEW COUNCILLOR: COUNCILLOR GODFREY

The Mayor invited the Council to join with him in welcoming Councillor Roy Godfrey, recently elected as Councillor for the Broadstone Ward following a by-election on 6th May 2010 to his first Meeting of the Council.

C14.10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Councillors declared a personal interest in Agenda item 14 “Primary Capital Programme: Report of the Chairman of Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee” as they had been lobbied.

Councillor Brooke declared a personal interest in the above item as his daughter was a part-time teacher at Hillbourne School.

All Councillors who were Governors of Schools in Poole declared a personal interest in the same item.

Councillor Eades declared a personal interest in item 14 on the Agenda as he was a parent of two children attending Poole Schools.

C15.10 ELECTION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

It was Moved, Seconded and

RESOLVED that, Councillor Brian Leverett, be elected Leader of the Council for the 2010/11 Municipal Year.

C16.10 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Leverett appointed Councillor Collier as his Deputy.

C17.10 DETERMINATION OF THE POLITICAL BALANCE OF THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THE BY-ELECTION ON 6 MAY 2010: REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

The Mayor announced that as the Political Balance of the Council had remained the same following the By-Election on 6 May 2010 the Head of Legal and Democratic Services was satisfied that the Political Balance remained as for the last Municipal Year.

RESOLVED that Council accepts the Political Balance remain as for the Municipal Year 2009/10 for 2010/11.

C18.10 APPOINTMENT OF THE CABINET

Councillor Leverett introduced this Report and, in proposing Councillor Mrs Walton as a Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People's, he paid tribute to the work undertaken by Councillor Woodcock in this role.

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED that Councillors Adams, Ms Atkinson, Collier, Leverett, Parker, Sorton, Mrs Walton and White be appointed to the Cabinet for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

C19.10 PRIMARY CAPITAL PROGRAMME: REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

With the consent of the Meeting, and in view of the public interest in the above item, the Mayor reordered the Agenda.

Note: Councillor Trent declared a personal interest in the above item as a close relative was a teacher at Talbot Combined School. Councillor Trent took no part in the debate and voting thereon.

Councillor Mrs Evans introduced her Report following the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee's detailed scrutiny of the Primary Capital Programme, which had taken evidence from all eleven schools affected. She explained that it is evident that the work of this Overview and Scrutiny Committee was not concluded, but urged Council to support the recommendations, as then the Council would fulfil its statutory obligations to provide the 150 places required by its Schools by September 2011.

She was pleased that the recommendations would also give the opportunity to establish a Hillbourne/Longspee Fund now and potentially to add to that fund when further design work was completed, which may highlight more cost savings. She acknowledged that by that time the Council would have a realistic assessment of the options available in respect of Hillbourne and Longspee Schools and expected this work to be completed by the Autumn of 2010. She felt that the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee represented the best course of action for all children in Poole and this way forward was a practical compromise.

Councillor Mrs Evans Moved and it was Seconded

that Council be recommended to:

- i) Meet its statutory duty and make provision for an additional 150 places for September 2011 by approving that Phase I Schools Projects at:
 - St Aldhelms Combined
 - Sylvan First
 - Longfleet Combined
 - Talbot Combined

These schemes should proceed with the objective of minimising costs, paying particular attention to the costs of remodelling and “temporary” buildings at Sylvan First School. Officers will report back on the findings to the Children and Young Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Committee as soon as possible.

- ii) Review the Courthill First School Proposals for a possible increase in one form of entry for 2012 onwards.
- iii) Meet its statutory duty to provide additional places for September 2012. In respect of the proposals for Heatherlands and Baden Powell and St Peter’s Middle Schools, to proceed with detailed design and costings with the objective of minimising costs to the Council. Officers will provide an interim report to the Children and Young People’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee in no more than 4 months time. This Report will include a detailed breakdown of the costs and potential savings to be achieved. Savings to be transferred to a fund for future schemes at Hillbourne and Longspee Schools.
- iv) Not pursue the proposals for Branksome Heath Middle School and these go back into the Primary Capital Programme considerations. Savings to be transferred to a fund for future schemes at Hillbourne and Longspee Schools.
- v) Proceed with detailed survey and design work at Hillbourne and Longspee Schools, in consultation with the schools, to give an indication of the scale of funding that would be required in relation to options highlighted in the report:-
 - High priority work identified in the Condition Survey
 - Refurbishment of the existing buildings
 - Extension and refurbishment of one of the existing buildings to combine the school into it
 - Development of Longspee School’s primary provision on the site

This work should be completed by Autumn at the latest, when the availability of funding is expected to be clearer.

- vi) Consider all avenues for sources of funding, noting that the unused contingency and a capital receipt are the most likely potential funding opportunities (there may be some prospect in Section 106 funds collected from previous developments. Future Government funding could also be available in the medium to long term).
- vii) Note the funding and expenditure table presented in the scrutiny report which identified that indicative Government funding of £6m was forecast to be received in 2011/12 and 2012/13. When this sum is confirmed and assuming the estimated costs in the primary capital programme remain on target, there would be an unallocated balance of approximately £1m. Once the Government announcement on future PCP capital funding is announced, the position will be reviewed with any unallocated funding being earmarked for Hillbourne and Longspee

fund. (This would be in addition to other funding identified in recommendations iii) iv) and v.)

- viii) Authorise a review of catchment areas in the Borough in tandem with consideration of the changing demographics of the area taking account of the regeneration Schemes.
- ix) Ensure Children & Young Peoples Overview & Scrutiny Committee receive reports on strategies which guide investment choices, including pupil placement, planning and proposals for admission arrangements, noting that the Committee will need to arrange its consideration of the Reports so that it enables the Council to comply with its statutory obligations including consultation periods and publication dates.
- x) Ensure the Children's Services Capital Programme Board focus on the implementation and delivery of the strategies and plans agreed by the Cabinet and Council.
- xi) Approve that the Diocesan representative be a member of the Capital Programme Board, and that the Notice of Meeting (agenda, not all reports) be sent to all members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The three Creekmoor Ward Councillors thanked the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the work it had undertaken and its thorough investigation in over 12 hours of scrutiny.

The following Amendments to the above recommendations were proposed by Councillor Mrs Butt and seconded:

Recommendations:

(i) second paragraph, third line, after "Sylvan First School", insert "and Talbot Combined School regarding strict statutory funding requirements".

(iii), next to last line, insert "ringfenced" to read "Savings to be transferred to a ringfenced fund for future schemes ..."

(iv), next to last line, insert "ringfenced" to read "to be transferred to a ringfenced fund for future schemes ..."

(vi), third line, after "opportunities" insert "in Capital Projects" to read "potential funding opportunities in Capital Projects ..."

Insert new (vi(a) "Review the full Information Communication Technology (ICT) spend and take full advantage of available technology, in particular, wireless and laptop technology.

(x), Insert after "focus on implementation" to read "Ensure the Children's Services Capital Programme Board focus on the communications ..."

The Council then debated the above Amendments with Members speaking against the Amendment, stating the following:

- A Member suggested that it was the wrong solution, in the wrong area for the wrong schools.
- He had an issue over Lower Parkstone.
- Sylvan - a solution had been found in the wrong place.
- It was suggested that the Officers and Members were incompetent and had handled the situation badly, presenting a report that was too late with not enough time to consider the pros and cons. The Councillor did not understand how the money could be ringfenced when the Council had been advised that the money had to be spent or it would be lost.
- It was felt that the Council had let Hillbourne School down badly.
- The Council had made a commitment to deliver £7.8Million via £800,000 to Lilliput before Christmas and it had now gone back on this promise or recommendation.
- A Member felt that all issues had not been heard and this amendment did not address concerns.
- The Council was not here to rubber stamp the findings of scrutiny, it was for debate.
- It was suggested that funding should be taken from Reserves to fund the proposals for Hillbourne and Longspee.

A number of Members spoke in favour of the amendment and the recommendations, explaining that, whilst agreeing that Hillbourne School was in a bad state of repair, the Council had to provide funding for 150 new places.

A Member suggested that the Council should seek more funding from the Government as it was felt that Poole should have fairer funding from the Government and that the Council should be working together to achieve this aim.

A Member commented that the Council had a statutory duty to provide these places. The recommendations before the Council were the best to ensure a build-up of funds for Hillbourne and Longspee. The Council had a responsibility to provide school places.

A Member moved the following additional recommendation:

“That Council write to the Minister, using Hillbourne and Longspee Schools as examples, as to why the Authority needs to have fair funding. The letter to be signed by all Parties represented on the Council and copied to the three Members of Parliament representing the Council’s area seeking their support to lobby Government for fairer funding for this Authority”.

A Member commented that he felt that the blame should be laid at the Portfolio Holder and the Council, not Central Government as the Council’s Primary Capital Programme had been mismanaged.

In summing up on the Amendment a Member agreed that the timing was very important and that the money had to be allocated or it could be “clawed back”. She

emphasised that, during the scrutiny it was underlined that there should only be essential spend on all projects at all schools.

In summing up, the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Evans, explained that the Section 151 Officer had given a detailed explanation at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as to why the Council could not use Prudential borrowing and should not use Reserves. The proposals for Courthill School had not been dismissed and were to be reviewed.

On being put to the vote, the amendments were CARRIED.

The Council debated the substantive motion, as amended, together with the additional proposal

“Council write to the Minister, using Hillbourne and Longspee Schools as an example, as to why the Authority needs to have fair funding. The letter to be signed by all Parties represented on the Council and copied to the three Members of Parliament representing the Council’s area seeking their support to lobby Government for fairer funding for this Authority”.

NOTE: Councillor Brooke declared a personal interest in the above proposal as he was married to the MP for Mid Poole and North Dorset.

On being put to the voter the substantive Motion as amended and with the addition of (xii) below, was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that Council:

(i) Meet its statutory duty and make provision for an additional 150 places for September 2011 by approving that Phase I Schools Projects at:

- **St Aldhelms Combined**
- **Sylvan First**
- **Longfleet Combined**
- **Talbot Combined**

These schemes should proceed with the objective of minimising costs, paying particular attention to the costs of remodelling and “temporary” buildings at Sylvan First School and Talbot Combined regarding strict statutory funding requirements. Officers will report back on the findings to the Children and Young Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Committee as soon as possible.

(ii) Review the Courthill First School Proposals for a possible increase in one form of entry for 2012 onwards.

(iii) Meet its statutory duty to provide additional places for September 2012. In respect of the proposals for Heatherlands and Baden Powell and St Peter’s Middle Schools, to proceed with detailed design and costings with the objective of minimising costs to the Council. Officers will provide an interim report to the Children and

Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee in no more than 4 months time. This Report will include a detailed breakdown of the costs and potential savings to be achieved. Savings to be transferred to a ring-fenced fund for future schemes at Hillbourne and Longspee Schools.

- (iv) **Not pursue the proposals for Branksome Heath Middle School and these go back into the Primary Capital Programme considerations. Savings to be transferred to a ring-fenced fund for future schemes at Hillbourne and Longspee Schools.**
- (v) **Proceed with detailed survey and design work at Hillbourne and Longspee Schools, in consultation with the schools, to give an indication of the scale of funding that would be required in relation to options highlighted in the report:-**
- **High priority work identified in the Condition Survey**
 - **Refurbishment of the existing buildings**
 - **Extension and refurbishment of one of the existing buildings to combine the school into it**
 - **Development of Longspee School's primary provision on the site**

This work should be completed by Autumn at the latest, when the availability of funding is expected to be clearer.

- (vi) **Consider all avenues for sources of funding, noting that the unused contingency and a capital receipt are the most likely potential funding opportunities in Capital Projects (there may be some prospect in Section 106 funds collected from previous developments. Future Government funding could also be available in the medium to long term).**
- vi(a) **Review the full Information Technology (ICT) spend and take full advantage of available technology, in particular, wireless and laptop technology.**
- (vii) **Note the funding and expenditure table presented in the scrutiny report which identified that indicative Government funding of £6m was forecast to be received in 2011/12 and 2012/13. When this sum is confirmed and assuming the estimated costs in the primary capital programme remain on target, there would be an unallocated balance of approximately £1m. Once the Government announcement on future PCP capital funding is announced, the position will be reviewed with any unallocated funding being earmarked for Hillbourne and Longspee fund. (This would be in addition to other funding identified in recommendations iii) iv) and v.)**
- (viii) **Authorise a review of catchment areas in the Borough in tandem with consideration of the changing demographics of the area taking account of the regeneration Schemes.**

- (ix) **Ensure Children & Young People’s Overview & Scrutiny Committee receive reports on strategies which guide investment choices, including pupil placement, planning and proposals for admission arrangements, noting that the Committee will need to arrange its consideration of the Reports so that it enables the Council to comply with its statutory obligations including consultation periods and publication dates.**
- (x) **Ensure the Children’s Services Capital Programme Board focus on the communications, implementation and delivery of the strategies and plans agreed by the Cabinet and Council.**
- (xi) **Approve that the Diocesan representative be a member of the Capital Programme Board, and that the Notice of Meeting (agenda, not all reports) be sent to all members of the Children and Young People’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**
- (xii) **Council write to the Minister, using Hillbourne and Longspee Schools as an example as to why the Authority needs to have fair funding, the letter to be signed by all Parties represented on the Council and copied to the three Members of Parliament representing the Council’s area seeking their support to lobby Government for fairer funding for this Authority.**

C20.10 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND OTHER COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES / PANELS / FORA

It was Moved, Seconded and

RESOLVED

- (i) that the following Committees, Working Parties, Panels and Fora be appointed for the 2010/11 Municipal Year, noting that, under the Conservative Membership for Council Efficiency and Effectiveness Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the deletion of Councillor Mrs Dion and insertion of Councillor Gregory; and
- (ii) that with regard to the Standards Committee Ms Loussot and Mrs Rogers be reappointed for the agreed term of Office.

Audit Committee (6 Members)

Conservatives

Councillors Gregory, Mrs Haines and Leverett

Liberal Democrats

Councillors Allen and Godfrey

Independent

Councillor Gillard

Emergency Committee (6 Members)

Conservatives

Councillors Bulteel, Montrose and Wilkins

Liberal Democrats

Councillors Allen, Clements and Miss Wilson

Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee (7 Members)

Conservatives

Councillors Mrs Dion, Gregory, Mrs Rampton and Wilkins

Liberal Democrats

Councillors Brooke, Clements and Trent

Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (7 Members)

Conservatives

Councillors Chandler, Mrs Rampton, Gregory and Wilkins

Liberal Democrats

Councillors Meachin, Mason and Miss Wilson

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee (9 Members)

Conservatives

Councillors Chandler, Montrose, Mrs Haines, Rampton and Wilkins

Liberal Democrats

Councillors Eades, Mrs Moore and Trent

Independent

Councillor Mrs Deas

Council Efficiency and Effectiveness Overview and Scrutiny Committee (7 Members)

Conservatives

Councillors Gregory, Mrs Haines, Woodcock and Rampton

Liberal Democrats

Councillors Allen, Brown and Godfrey

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee (7 Members)

Conservatives

Councillors Bulteel, Mrs Dion, Mrs Evans, Mrs Lavender and Wilkins

Liberal Democrats

Councillors Brooke, Brown, Matthews and Mrs Moore

Call-in Overview and Scrutiny Committee (5 Members)

Conservatives

Councillors Bulteel, Gregory and Mrs Haines

Liberal Democrats

Councillors Clements and Eades

Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee (11 Members)

Conservatives

Councillors Bulteel, Mrs Butt, Mrs Evans, Mrs Lavender, Montrose and Woodcock

Liberal Democrats

Councillors Mrs Long, Matthews, Meachin and Wilson

Independent

Councillor Mrs Deas

Overview and Scrutiny Board (10 Members)

Councillors – Chairman of all Overview and Scrutiny Committees (6) plus 4 to make Political Balance to equal a Membership of 10.

Licensing Committee (15 Members)

Conservatives

Councillors Adams, Burden, Mrs Butt, Collier, Mrs Evans, Montrose, Rampton and Wilkins

Liberal Democrats

Councillors Brown, Curtis, Maiden, Mason, Matthews and Plummer

Independent

Councillor Gillard

Planning Committee (9 Members)

Conservatives

Councillors Mrs Butt, Burden, Mrs Stribley, Wilkins and Woodcock

Liberal Democrats

Councillors Allen, Eades, Trent and Wilson

Names Substitutes

Councillors Elaine Atkinson, Mike Brooke, David Brown, Brian Clements, May Haines, Brian Leverett, Peter Maiden, Graham Mason, Sandra Moore, Ron Parker, John Rampton and Mike White

Note: Councillor Mrs Dion when she had been trained.

Standards Committee (5 Independent Members, 2 elected Members)

Mrs Bourne, Ms Loussot, Mr Marsh, Mr Reed, Mrs Rogers

Conservative

Councillor Sorton

Liberal Democrat

Councillor Curtis

**AREA COMMITTEES – ALL COUNCILLORS FROM THE WARDS
CONSTITUTING EACH AREA COMMITTEE (Chairmanship Rotates)**

Hamworthy East and West and Poole Town Area Committee (7 Members)

Councillors Bulteel, Chandler, Mrs Evans, Gregory, Leverett, Wilkins and White

Newtown and Parkstone Area Committee (6 Members)

Councillors Clements, Collier, Plummer, Mrs Stribley, Wilson and Woodcock

Alderney, Branksome East and West Area Committee (7 Members)

Councillors Eades, Mrs Lavender, Meachin, Montrose, Mrs Rampton, Trent and Miss Wilson

Canford Cliffs and Penn Hill Area Committee (6 Members)

Councillors Ms Atkinson, Mrs Deas, Mrs Dion, Mrs Haines, Parker and Sorton

Canford Heath East and West, Creekmoor and Oakdale Area Committee(10 Members)

Councillors Adams, Allen, Burden, Mrs Butt, Curtis, Gillard, Matthews, Mrs Moore, Rampton and Mrs Walton

Broadstone, Merley and Bearwood Area Committee (6 Members)
Councillors Brooke, Brown, Godfrey, Mrs Long, Mason and Maiden

Review of the Council's Constitution Working Party (5 Members)
Conservatives
Councillors Collier, Leverett and Sorton
Liberal Democrats
Councillors Brooke and Clements

Ashdown Community Use Management Committee (3 Members)
Conservatives
Councillor Adams
Liberal Democrats
Councillors Allen and Mrs Moore

Rossmore Community Use Management Committee (4 Members)
Conservatives
Councillors Mrs Lavender and Mrs Rampton
Liberal Democrats
Councillors Miss Wilson and Wilson

Joint Information and Consultative Committee (JICC) (5 Members)
Conservatives
Councillors Leverett, Sorton and Woodcock
Liberal Democrats
Councillors Curtis and Meachin

Joint Information and consultative Health and Safety Committee (5 Members)
Conservatives
Councillors Mrs Haines, Leverett and Woodcock
Liberal Democrats
Councillors Curtis and Meachin

Disciplinary Appeals Panel
The Head of Legal and Democratic Services to appoint in consultation with Group Leaders.

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) (3 Members)
Conservatives
Councillors Gregory and Mrs Walton
Liberal Democrat
Councillor Meachin

Education Discretionary Awards Appeals Panel (5 Members)
Conservatives
Councillors Mrs Evans, Mrs Lavender and Mrs Walton
Liberal Democrats
Councillors Mason and Mrs Moore

Local Authority (LA) Governor Appointments Panel (5 Members)
Conservatives
Councillors Mrs Butt, Mrs Evans and Mrs Walton

Liberal Democrats

Councillors Matthews and Mrs Moore

Adoption Panel (1 Member)

Councillor Sorton

Fostering Panel (1 Member)

Councillor Mrs Lavender

Discretionary Housing Payments Appeals Panel (3 Members)

Three Councillors selected from those trained.

(Currently Councillors Ms Atkinson, Collier, Mrs Butt and Meachin).

**C21.09 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE 2010/11 MUNICIPAL YEAR:
REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Leverett introduced this Report, requesting the Council to consider changing the timing of Planning Committee Meetings to 2pm.

It was Moved and Seconded “that Planning Committee Meetings be held at 2pm”.

Councillor Leverett explained that Planning Committee, at its Meeting on 15 April 2010, had considered an urgent item introduced by the Head of Planning and Regeneration Services, which explained that one of the outstanding issues from the Pitt Review and the IDeA Peer Review, was the need to standardise Meeting times for the Planning Committee. Advantages for daytime meetings were outlined in the Report as follows:

- Site visits could take place in the morning of Committee dates, therefore minimising inconvenience to Members.
- A day in the month is released in the Corporate Calendar for evening meetings.
- Minimise Officer resource time in terms of overtime and time off in lieu.
- Other Officers of the Council will be available if required whilst the Committee is in session (such as Legal, Strategic Planning and Housing).
- Decisions are made at a reasonable time of day.
- Professional costs to Residents and Applicants are minimised, i.e., not paying overtime costs.
- Older members of the Community prefer to travel in daylight.
- Security personnel are already on duty so no extra payment.
- Utility costs are minimised.

Councillor Leverett acknowledged that the Planning Committee had considered the proposals and had voted against them by 5 votes to 4. He felt that as Council set the Meeting Programme for the Year, Planning Committee was a Consultee and he was seeking the views of Council on his recommendation.

A number of Liberal Democrat Members were against the proposal to standardise the time at 2pm, feeling that Planning committee had already considered this issue and that it should be a decision of Planning Committee. Liberal Democrat Members also expressed concern about the proposal as a vast majority of people

worked and would not be able to attend daytime meetings, thus excluding members of the public from a very important meeting.

A number of Liberal Democrat Members sited health reasons for not agreeing to a 2pm start as, with the length of Planning Agendas, this may often mean that the Meeting went through until the evening and, if site visits were being proposed in the morning, this would result in more than a 12 hour day for Committee Members. It was stated that it would also difficult for parents with children to be collected from school if the meeting was held in the afternoon.

A number of Members spoke in support of the proposal, suggesting that the quality of decision making at 11pm was not good and that the public, would take time off work to attend if they were either affected by an application or submitting an application for consideration. It was also suggested that by having site visits in the morning prior to an afternoon Committee, this would ensure that the sites were fresh in Members' minds.

An Amendment was moved and seconded in the following terms:

“That Council Efficiency and Effectiveness Overview and Scrutiny Committee look at the timing and operation of Committees.”

A number of Members spoke against this proposal, explaining that no other Committee had its time set by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

A Member queried how such a thing could be scrutinised and who would be consulted?

A Member commented, explaining that consultation had already been undertaken previously on the issue of timing. A Member suggested that this should be scrutinised, as by the suggestion of having Planning Committee at 2pm he personally felt discriminated against. A Member was opposed to this being an item for scrutiny as usually scrutiny was presented with a detailed technical report, there was no need for a technical report on this issue. The recommendation was made in keeping with the IDeA Peer Review. The Council was in danger of being accused of “holding a meeting about holding a meeting!”

On being put to the vote, the Amendment was “LOST”.

An Amendment in the following terms was proposed and seconded:

“that Planning Committees commence at 9:30am and additional meetings programmed as necessary.”

A number of Members spoke against the Amendment, stating that it would be no advantage for Councillors in employment to have a morning meeting. It would also mean that site visits could not be held on that day. A Member commented that there was no need for site visits now as sites could be viewed on “Google Earth”.

On being put to the vote, the Amendment was LOST.

Council then debated the substantive motion: “That Planning Committee Meetings be held at 2pm”.

A Member suggested that this proposal was entirely sensible and that Officers would be on site.

A Member suggested that there was no need to change the time, there was a need for better Agenda management.

A Member queried why Council was considering this at all, feeling that this was in the jurisdiction of Planning Committee?

A Member suggested that consistency of time would be beneficial to residents, but did not see the reason for change as residents were notified a week before and the Agenda was also placed on the Web.

A Member queried why the proposal to standardise the time of meetings was not being applied to Transportation Advisory Group Meetings and explained that he was against the 2pm proposed start.

With regard to other issues relating to the Programme of Meeting and clashes between Area Committees and Licensing Committee, the Leader of the Council requested the Member to email him and he would look into this issue. The Leader explained that Council determined the Calendar of Meetings and not just one Committee.

The Leader stated that his Proposal would apply from June meetings of the Planning Committee. On being put to the vote, the recommendation was CARRIED.

**RESOLVED (i) that Planning Committee Meetings be held at 2pm.
(ii) the Schedule of Meetings for 2010/11 Municipal Year be approved, subject to the above amendment.**

C22.10 REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED that the following Members be appointed to represent the Council on the Outside Bodies listed for 2010/11:

<u>Outside Body</u>	<u>Representation</u>
Alder Hills Nature Reserve (Dorset Wildlife Trust)	Cllrs Adams, Mrs Rampton and Trent
Bearwood Community Association	Councillor Mrs Long
Bournemouth International Airport Consultative Committee	Cllr Mrs Dion (sub Councillor Gregory)
Bournemouth, Poole & Christchurch RELATE	Cllr Ms Atkinson
Bournemouth Orchestras Council	Cllr Mrs Lavender
Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals & Waste Policy Joint Advisory Committee	Cllrs Collier, Parker (Deputy Cllr Rampton)
Canford Park Sports Park Joint Committee	Cllrs Adams and Brown
Cheshire Foundation Housing Association	Cllr Mrs Rampton
Children’s Services Governance Board	Cllrs Mrs Evans, Mrs

Combined Fire Authority (*subject to political balance)	Moore and Mrs Walton Cllrs Allen, Bulteel and Gregory
Countryside Recreation Strategy for SE Dorset – Steering Group (Greenlink)	Cllr Adams (Deputy Cllr Rampton)
Court of the University of Southampton	Cllr Parker
Creekmoor Community Association	Cllr Rampton
Dorset Archaeological Committee	Cllr Woodcock
Dorset Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Cllr Burden
Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole Local Access Forum	Cllr Wilkins
Dorset and South Wilts Planning and Transportation Liaison Committee	Cllrs Parker and White
Dorset County Council Pension Fund Investment Committee	Cllr Sorton
Dorset Police Authority (*requires political balance across Dorset appointing Authorities)	Cllrs Mrs Stribley and Miss Wilson
Dorset Race Equality Council	Councillor Mrs Haines
Dorset Reserve Forces Committee	Cllr Mrs Evans
Friends of Poole Park	Cllrs Mrs Evans, Mrs Stribley and Woodcock (Deputy Cllr Adams)
	Cllrs Brooke and Mason
General Council of Broadstone Community and Arts Centre	
Hamworthy Outdoor Activities Centre Management Committee	Cllr White
Heathland Executive Group	Cllr Parker as Portfolio Holder and Cllr Wilson (sub Cllr Collier)
Housing Strategic Policy Board	Cllrs Burden, Mrs Evans and Trent
Joint Archives Advisory Board	Cllrs Adams and Chandler
Joint Committee to appoint Local Authority Members to Police Authority (Political Balance constraints)	Cllrs Brooke, Mrs Butt, Clements and Leverett (Deputies Councillors Ms Atkinson and Collier)
Local Government Association	Cllrs Brooke, Leverett and Mrs Stribley (Deputies Cllrs Mrs Moore, Parker and Woodcock)
	Cllrs Leverett and Parker
Local Government Association Urban Commission	
Local Government Association Coastal Issues Group	Cllr Adams (deputy Cllr Collier)
Local Government Association SW Branch	Cllrs Leverett, Parker and Clements
Municipal and Owen Carter Almshouse Charity Trustees	Cllrs Chandler, Mrs Evans, Gregory, White and Wilkins
Local Strategic Partnership Environment Board	Cllrs Collier, Leverett and Trent
Old Town Community Association Management Committee	Cllr Gregory
Poole Cherbourg Twinning Association (Management Committee)	Cllrs Burden, Clements and Parker (substitute Cllr

Poole CAB Management Committee	Mrs Walton) Cllrs Adams, Brooke and Rampton Cllr Mrs Butt
Poole and Dorset Bournemouth Community Legal Partnership Poole Heritage Forum	Cllrs Adams, Mason and Mrs Walton Cllr Wilkins Cllrs Burden, Mrs Evans, Wilkins, Wilson and Miss Wilson
Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Poole Housing Partnership Ltd	Cllrs Adams and Miss Wilson Cllr Adams (substitute Cllr Mrs Long)
Poole Safe Together Partnership Board	Cllrs Adams, Wilkins and Wilson
Poole Shopmobility	Cllrs Adams, Clements, Mrs Dion, Parker and Miss Wilson
Poole Sports Council	Cllrs Chandler, Parker and Clements Councillor Parker Cllr Mason
Poole Tourism Management Board	Cllr Burden
Poole Town Centre Management Board	Cllrs White, Mrs Moore and Mrs Walton Cllr Collier (Sub – Cllr Adams)
Purbeck Rail Partnership Raglan Housing Association (South Area MC) Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospital NHS Foundation Trust – Council of Governors Schools Forum	Cllrs Allen, Burden, Chandler, Parker, Trent and White (Deputies Cllrs Clements, Leverett and Mrs Stribley)
Southern Sea Fisheries District Committee South East Dorset Strategic Planning and Transportation Joint Committee	Cllrs Parker and White (substitute Cllr Leverett) Cllrs Parker and White (substitutes Cllrs Burden and Chandler)
South East Dorset Sub-Regional Study Advisory Group South East Dorset Transport Advisory Group	Cllr White (substitute Cllr Parker) Cllrs Parker, Trent and White Cllr Gregory
South East Dorset Transport Contributions Executive South East Dorset Transport Study Board	Cllrs Sorton and Leverett Cllr Mrs Stribley (Deputy Cllr Mrs Butt) Councillor Adams (Deputies Cllrs Mrs Stribley and Allen)
South West Home and Leisure Safety Council South Western Provincial Council Standing Conference on Oil & Gas Development Standing Conference on Problems Associated with the Coastline	Cllrs Mrs Butt, Mrs Lavender, Mrs Moore and
Strategic Arts Review Group	

Upton Park Liaison Forum	Trent Cllrs Burden, Mrs Butt, Mason and Rampton
Western Challenge Housing Association	Cllr Adams
Wessex Water (Southern) Customer Liaison Panel	Cllr Burden
Wessex Regional Flood Defence Committee	Cllr Adams (Substitute Cllr Collier)
Wytch Farm Oilfield Consultative Committee	Cllrs Mrs Stribley and Mrs Walton

CHAMPIONS

	<u>Representatives</u>
Carers	Mr Ray Smith MBE (Honorary)
Design Champion	Cllr Mrs Stribley
Equalities	Cllr Mrs Rampton
Historic Environment	Cllr Chandler
Learning Disability	Cllr Mrs Butt
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transexual	Cllr Montrose
Older Persons	Cllr Mrs Lavender
Play Champion	Cllr Mrs Walton
Regulatory Services Champion	Cllr Collier

Youth Centre Management Committees

	<u>Current Representation</u>
Beacon Centre (CH)	Cllr Mrs Moore
Bourne Valley	Cllrs Mrs Lavender, Trent and Miss Wilson
Broadstone	Cllr Brooke
Creekmoor	Cllr Rampton
Hamworthy/Turlin Moor	Cllr Wilkins
Hillbourne/Waterloo	Cllrs Burden and Mrs Butt
Limelights (CH)	Cllrs Matthews and Mrs Moore
Merley	Cllr Maiden
Parkstone Sports and Arts Centre	Cllrs Mrs Dion and Woodcock

C23.10 TWIN SAILS BRIDGE: SECOND HARBOUR CROSSING: REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR DEVELOPING A DYNAMIC ECONOMY

The Portfolio Holder, Councillor Parker, introduced this item, explaining that Cabinet, at its Meeting on 13 April 2010, had recommended to Council virements of £736,000 for Poole Bridge, due to further slippage of spend due to the delay encountered in waiting approval by Government. It was noted that, in accordance with Financial Regulations, this reprofiling was a Council decision.

RESOLVED that Council approve the virement of £736,000 for the Twin Sails Bridge Second Harbour Crossing.

C24.10 APPROVAL BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE UNDER HIS URGENCY POWERS

Capital Budget Allocation for Branksome Children's Centre

The Council noted that the Chief Executive had used his delegated authority to approve the Capital Budget Allocation to Branksome Children's Centre of £549,000 for the refurbishment as a decision was required by 7th May 2010 in order to comply with the Terms of the Capital Grant being provided by the Department for Children, Schools and Families. This meant that a contract for building works for the remodelling and refurbishment of 350 Poole Road could be progressed.

MAYOR