

**3 OCTOBER 2012**

**NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Wednesday, 3 October 2012.

p Cllr B Rickman (Chairman)  
p Cllr E J Heron (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:**

p Mrs D M Brooks  
p Mrs J L Cleary

**Councillors:**

p F P Vickers  
p C A Wise

**In Attendance:**

**Councillors:**

Mrs D E Andrews  
G C Beck  
Mrs S Bennison  
S Clarke  
Ms L C Ford  
A T Glass  
C J Harrison  
Mrs A J Hoare

**Councillors:**

J Penwarden  
L R Puttock  
M S Wade  
Mrs C Ward  
J G Ward  
R A Wappet  
P R Woods

**Also In Attendance:**

Mr M Akerman, Tenant Representative

**Officers Attending:**

D Yates, R Jackson, J Mascall, C Elliott, Miss G O'Rourke, A Rogers and D Stannard.

**24. MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2012 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Cllr Mrs Brooks disclosed an interest in Minute 28.

All members declared an interest in Minute 29.

**26. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

No issues were raised during the public participation period.

**27. NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT: PARKING STANDARDS (REPORT A).**

The Cabinet considered revisions to the parking standards supplementary planning document, to take account of representations received in response to the statutory consultation exercise on the draft proposals. A summary of the representations received was set out in Appendix A to Report A. In general terms the responses had been supportive, subject to minor changes. The process would ensure that parking standards were consistent with the adopted core strategy.

**RECOMMENDED:**

- (a) *That the Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document, as set out in Appendix B to Report A to the Cabinet, be adopted as part of the Local Development Framework for the New Forest District (outside the National Park);***
- (b) *That the Head of Planning and the Principal Engineer (Transportation), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and appropriate officers, be authorised to make minor editorial changes to the document; and***
- (c) *That on adoption of this Supplementary Planning Document, the previous Supplementary Planning Document “The Provision of Car Parking Space in Residential Development (outside the New Forest National Park)” – February 2008 be withdrawn***

Action: Nick Hunt/David Stannard

**28. OPEN SPACES IN TOTTON – S106 VARIATION (REPORT B).**

Cllr Mrs Brooks disclosed an interest as a member of Totton and Eling Town Council whose financial affairs would be affected by the proposal. She made a brief statement and abstained from consideration and voting.

On 1 September 2010, the Cabinet had agreed to vary a S106 obligation in respect of Southern Gardens, Little Testwood Farm and Testwood Place, Totton. The effect of that variation would have been to retain the land for leisure uses at Southern Gardens in a single ownership, which was considered important to safeguard their long-term future.

With respect to Little Testwood Farm it had been agreed that there could be industrial use on the site, in existing buildings. These buildings had subsequently been found not to be in a sound condition and had been demolished. That variation, however, had not been completed. The Cabinet was advised of further negotiations that had taken place since September 2010. As a consequence it was proposed that there should be a revised variation to the S106 Agreement, the terms of which were set out at Appendix 2 to Report B. Under the new variation, the Southern Gardens site would still be under one ownership. It was now intended

however that the freehold of Southern Gardens and Little Testwood Farm would be passed to Totton and Eling Town Council, who would then lease part of the Little Testwood Farm site on to the Totton and Eling Football Club and the Southern Gardens site to Belton Leisure. Other provisions, including affordable housing, as set out in the original S106 agreement would remain in place.

Members thanked officers for their efforts to secure a good outcome in safeguarding local club facilities, subject to the approval of the Planning Development Control Committee.

**RESOLVED:**

That the change in position in respect of the proposed new terms of the S106 variation be noted.

**29. AMENDMENT OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME – SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCE FOR CHAIRMAN OF AUDIT COMMITTEE (REPORT C).**

All members declared an interest in this item, but under common law they were not precluded from voting.

The Cabinet considered the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel in respect of revisions to the Members' allowances scheme to take account of the establishment of the Audit Committee on 1 July 2012.

The Finance and Efficiency Portfolio Holder pointed out that as part of the Council's overall efforts towards streamlining the organisation, two committees (the Standards Committee and the Final Accounts Committee) had been abolished and had been replaced by the Audit Committee. Consequently, there would be no increase in the cost of members' allowances as a result of this proposed amendment to the Scheme. The Chairman of the Audit Committee's allowance would be re-examined when the overall scheme was reviewed by the Independent Remuneration Panel at the end of 2013.

**RECOMMENDED:**

- (a) ***That the Members' Allowances Scheme be amended to include a special responsibility allowance of £1,917 to the Chairman of the Audit Committee (based on a time input of 1.5 days per month), backdated to 1 July 2012;***
- (b) ***That the co-optees' allowances to the independent and parish council members, and the special responsibility allowances for the Chairman and the Chairman of the Consideration and Hearings Sub-Committee of the Standards Committee, be abolished; and***
- (c) ***That it be noted that the Independent Remuneration Panel will re-examine the level of the special responsibility allowance to the Chairman of the Audit Committee when next it undertakes the required four-yearly review of the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme, at the end of 2013.***

Action: Andy Rogers

**30. DELEGATION OF POWERS TO OFFICERS.****RESOLVED:**

That the following power be delegated to the officer shown:

<b>Source</b>	<b>Power Delegated</b>	<b>Delegated to</b>
Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004. Section 9	Authorised officer to act in matters as specified by the Act in relation to Domestic Homicide Reviews	Head of Public Health and Community Safety

Action: Jan Debnam

CHAIRMAN

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