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NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

COUNCIL – 23 FEBRUARY 2015

The following decisions were taken at the above meeting: -

Agenda Item 5 – Report of the Returning Officer (Report B)

The report was noted. Cllr Richard Frampton was welcomed to the Council.

Agenda Item 6 – Reports of Committees and Cabinet

The recommendations arising from the meetings of:

- Cabinet on 7 January and 4 February 2015
- Audit Committee on 23 January 2015
- General Purposes and Licensing Committee on 16 January 2015

were agreed.

Agenda Item 7 – Question Under Standing Order 22

In response to a question from Cllr Mrs Bennison, the Leader of the Council said that he had asked officers to report to the Cabinet on how a ban on sky lanterns from Council owned or controlled property could be implemented. He had also asked the Chairmen of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee and the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Panel to establish a joint Task & Finish Group to examine this issue further.

Agenda Item 8 – Questions to Portfolio Holders under Standing Order 22A

Question 1 – Cllr D Harrison asked the Portfolio Holder for Environment to reconsider the decision to demolish the public convenience at Winsor Road, Totton. The Portfolio Holder replied that members had had a number of opportunities to put forward their views before a decision had been taken. Cllr D Harrison had not used those opportunities. Having spoken to other Totton Town Council members, there was little concern from their constituents regarding the removal of this toilet block, as there were three other facilities nearby. The decision to remove the Winsor Road facility would stand.

Question 2 – Cllr D Harrison asked the Portfolio Holder for Environment whether given public concern regarding the plans to construct and operate an anaerobic digestion plant in Marchwood, he would invite officers to research the impact of similar facilities elsewhere in the country. The Portfolio Holder replied that Hampshire County Council was the responsible authority for deciding this matter. However the District Council would be consulted. The Portfolio Holder would ask officers to submit a draft response to the consultation to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Panel to give members an opportunity to express their views before a response was submitted to HCC.

Question 3 – Cllr D Harrison asked the Planning & Transportation Portfolio Holder whether he agreed that the decision of the Planning Inspector to overturn the Planning Development Control Committee's decision to refuse the planning application in respect of the site currently being used by Ridgeway Car Sales, Rushington, for development as a fast-food outlet, was an affront to the democratic process. In reply, the Portfolio Holder said that he had sympathy with the question but the current planning appeal process had been followed.

Question 4 – Cllr M Wade asked the Environment Portfolio Holder how many fines had been issued by NFDC for dog fouling. The Portfolio Holder confirmed that no fines had been issued in the last 12 months. Proactive patrolling was undertaken by the Dog Warden, but given the wide area of the District and the difficulty in enforcement staff observing offences actually taking place, there had been no fines. The Dog Warden would continue to spend time undertaking patrols but the Portfolio Holder expressed the view that public education to promote responsible dog ownership also undertaken by the Dog Warden was more likely to reduce the problem.

Question 5 – Cllr Mrs McLean asked the Planning & Transportation Portfolio Holder what the current intentions were for the re-development of the Racal site on Hardley industrial estate. (This question was answered by Cllr Wise). Cllr Wise replied that the Council's aspirations for the site were to create new jobs and support small businesses. The site would be cleared. A member steering group had been established and a report would be submitted to the Cabinet and the Council in the near future.

Agenda Item 9 – The 2015/16 Council Tax (Report C)

The recommendations were agreed.

Agenda Item 10 – Re-Appointment of Independent Persons – Allegations of Breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct

The recommendation was agreed.

Agenda Item 11 – Membership of Committees and Panels

No changes were made.

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