

REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

(Meetings held on 8 & 29 January 2016)

1. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (MINUTE NO. 37 – 8 JANUARY 2016)

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is reviewing electoral arrangements in Hampshire County Council to deliver electoral equality across the county. After consultation, the LGBCE has published draft recommendations. The Council on 7 December 2015 delegated authority to the Committee to respond to the draft recommendations.

The LGBCE's recommendations include reducing the number of councillors representing the New Forest from 11 to 10. This would mean significant re-drawing of the County Division boundaries within the District.

A special meeting of the Committee was held on 8 January 2016 to consider this Council's response. Hampshire County Councillors representing divisions in New Forest District, and all District Councillors, were invited to attend the meeting.

The Committee heard that the County Council was requesting that the LGBCE reinstate 11 members to the New Forest by increasing the total number of members on the County Council from 78 to 79. The Committee supported this approach, but considered at length the make-up of the Divisions if the total number allocated to the New Forest remained at 10.

The Committee has put forward the Division arrangements as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to this report and it has recommended that the following names be given to the proposed Divisions: -

LGCE Proposal	Recommended Alternative
Lyndhurst & Fordingbridge	North Forest
Brockenhurst	Mid-Forest
Ringwood	West Forest
Milford & Hordle	Milford, Hordle & Fernhill

Final recommendations will be published in April 2016 with new electoral arrangements coming into effect at the local elections in May 2017.

2. RELOCATION OF HYTHE MARKET AND TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF HYTHE MARKET TO HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL (MINUTE NO. 41 – 29 JANUARY 2016)

The Committee has at its last two meetings considered a request by Hythe & Dibden Parish Council for the District Council to relocate the weekly market from part of New Forest District Council's car park at St Johns Street to parts of the High Street, St Johns Street and The Marsh and to transfer management control of the market from the District Council to the Parish Council.

The consultations required under the relevant legislation have been undertaken and the necessary public notices have been published. No responses were received. In addition, Hythe & Dibden Parish Council has consulted local businesses likely to be affected.

The Committee has, therefore, under its delegated powers, passed a resolution to relocate the weekly market from part of New Forest District Council's car park at St Johns Street to parts of the High Street, St Johns Street and The Marsh, with the designation coming into force on 16 March 2016. Delegation of the Council's functions to Hythe & Dibden Parish Council, which include the power to issue consents to traders to trade in the designated streets, requires the approval of the Council and the following recommendations are made.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) That, subject to an agreement being entered into under recommendation (b) below, and the making of a Traffic Regulation Order in relation to part of St Johns Street and The Promenade, all the Council's functions under paragraphs 7 and 9 of Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 be delegated to Hythe and Dibden Parish Council in respect of those parts of the High Street, St Johns Street and The Marsh in Hythe which are to be designated as consent streets on 16 March 2016;***
- (b) That the Executive Head (Governance and Regulation) be authorised to enter into a written agreement with Hythe and Dibden Parish Council concerning the terms on which the Parish Council is to exercise this delegation; and***
- (c) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the appropriate Executive Head and the Chairman of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee, be authorised to exercise the Council's powers under the terms of the agreement referred to in (b) above.***

3. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2016-17 (MINUTE NO. 42 – 29 JANUARY 2016)

The Localism Act 2011 requires Councils to prepare a pay policy statement each financial year. The statement must set out the Council's policies for the financial year relating to the remuneration of its Chief Officers, the remuneration of its lowest paid employees and the relationship between the remuneration of its Chief Officers and other employees.

This year's statement also sets out the changes to senior management pay agreed by the Council in 2015. The pay bands for the proposed new Service Manager roles have been included.

The Industrial Relations Committee will consider the Pay Policy Statement at their meeting on 18 February. That Committee's views will be reported verbally to the Council.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Pay Policy Statement 2016-17 as set out in Appendix 3, be approved.

4. FEES AND CHARGES 2016/17 (MINUTE NO. 45 – 29 JANUARY 2016)

The Committee has considered the fees and charges for 2016/17 for the services which are the responsibility of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee.

RECOMMENDED:

That the fees and charges for 2016/17, as set out in Appendix 4, be approved.

**CLLR S J CLARKE
CHAIRMAN**

Attachment: Appendices 1 - 4