

# Ringwood Town Council

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## POLICY & FINANCE

Dear Member

15<sup>th</sup> October 2009

A meeting of the above Committee will be held at "Greenways" on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009** at 7.00pm or at the conclusion of the public participation session at 7.10pm and your attendance is requested.

T R Simpson  
Town Clerk

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

The meeting will be preceded by a public participation period of up to 10 minutes at 7.00pm. If no member of the public wishes to speak to the Council, the meeting will start at 7.00pm.

Members of the public are also entitled to speak during the meeting on individual items on the public agenda in accordance with the Council's public participation scheme.

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## **AGENDA**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September

### **4. FINANCIAL REPORTS (*Report A attached*):**

- a. To receive and authorise list of payments made on Imprest Account in September
- b. To receive and authorise list of Petty Cash payments for September
- c. To receive Statement of Town Council Balances
- d. To authorise Inter Account Transfers
- e. To note the Finance Manager's report and receive Summary Budget Reports for period April 2009 to September 2009
- f. To consider the Finance Manager's report regarding budget and funding available for development of Danny Cracknell Pocket Park

### **5. CAPITAL PROJECTS – GRANT FUNDING**

To consider the Finance Officer's report (*Report B*)

### **6. ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009**

To note that the Audit Commission's certificate has been received for the Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009, and that all relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have been met. The Audit Commission does refer to the internal auditor's recommendations, an update report on which will be brought to the November meeting of this Committee.

### **7. BUDGET STRATEGY 2010/11 TO 2013/14**

To consider the Finance Manager's report (*Report C*).

## **8. RINGWOOD FESTIVAL**

- a) To receive minutes of the meeting of the Ringwood Festival Steering Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> October and approve proposals therein (*Report D*)
- b) To appoint a replacement for Cllr Woodfield on the Steering Committee

## **9. CHRISTMAS FREE CAR PARKING TRIAL**

Further to a request from New Forest District Council, to nominate a date in December for one afternoon free parking to encourage Christmas shoppers

## **10. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES**

To consider the District Council's Independent Remuneration Panel review of the Allowance Scheme and how this affects the Town Council's allowances

## **11. SOUTHAMPTON ROAD ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS**

To consider ownerships and responsibilities for maintenance of street furniture and features following completion of the scheme for Southampton Road (*Report E*)

## **12. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS**

At its July meeting, the Committee agreed to renew the agreement in respect of PCSOs for a further two years. At that time, it was understood the fee would continue at the existing level of £6,000 p.a. The Council has now been notified that the annual costs have increased to £7,000 p.a. Members are requested to consider whether to authorise continuance of the agreement at the higher charge.

## **13. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL 'CHARTER' WITH LOCAL COUNCILS**

To consider the Town Clerk's report (*Report F*)

## **14. DISTRICT COUNCIL ACCESSIBLE SERVICES**

New Forest District Council's survey on accessibility of services is aimed at individuals and Members may wish to complete this in their personal capacity. However, there are two general issues within the questionnaire (*Report G*) on which the Committee may wish to respond as representatives of Ringwood residents: Q2) telephone contact, on which the Council has previously made representations, and Q16) which suggests information can be delivered by post offices and supermarkets.

## **15. EMPOWERED COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE**

To invite Members to attend the NALC Larger Councils' Conference and Exhibition on 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the Royal National Hotel, London

## **16. GREEN PAPER ON CARE**

Town councils have no direct responsibilities for the types of care and support issues covered by this Green Paper; those responsibilities reside with County and Unitary authorities. However, Members may consider that an important part of their role is to represent people's views at grass roots level on any issues that may affect the well being of residents. The Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to respond to the consultation questions as the representative body for the Town (*Report H*).

## **17. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW (CGR)**

To consider whether a CGR relating to Boundaries and Electoral Arrangements is required for Ringwood (*Report I*)

## **18. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS**

To consider exclusion of public and press for the following item:

## **19. TOWN TWINNING ADVERTISEMENT**

To receive a verbal update from the Town Clerk

If you would like further information on any of the agenda items, please contact Terry Simpson on (01425) 473883 or email [terry.simpson@ringwood.gov.uk](mailto:terry.simpson@ringwood.gov.uk)