



HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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PRESS RELEASE

“A commitment to excellence for our community”

Hythe and Dibden Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has been re-accredited for a further four years with the prestigious Quality Status award.

Launched by the Government in 2003 this scheme provides a benchmark for standards in local councils.

The scheme was updated during 2008 in response to the increased professionalism of parish and town councils and now includes three additional tests that councils must satisfy:

- The promotion of local democracy and citizenship
- Have a training strategy for both staff and councillors
- The adoption of NALC/SLCC Terms and Conditions for their clerks

To be awarded Quality Status the local Council is expected to be representative of and involve all parts of the community, be effective and properly managed, have effective communications, uphold high standards of conduct, work closely with voluntary and community groups, to work in partnership with other local authorities and to have a qualified clerk.

Malcolm Wade, Chairman of the Parish Council said “The Council is absolutely delighted to have successfully met all the tests of competence necessary to be re-accredited with the Quality Status, it recognises the commitment of both members and staff to deliver first class services to our residents. We hope that this award will lead to more opportunities for external funding and partnership working for the benefit of our community”

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Information on the Quality Scheme can be found at www.nalc.gov.uk

