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To: Members of the General Purposes and Finance Committee

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and remainder of the Council for information

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9 October 2007

Dear Sir/Madam,

A Meeting of the **General Purposes and Finance Committee** will be held at **The Grove, 25 St. John's Street, Hythe, on Monday next 15 October 2007, at 8 pm**, when your attendance is requested.

Yours faithfully

Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence.
- 2 To sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10 September 2007.
- 3 Notification of any other urgent business to be raised at the end of the meeting.
- 4 To note any declaration of interest made by Members in connection with an Agenda item. The nature of the interest must be specified.
- 5 Public Participation Period.
- 6 Accounts for Payment.
- 7 Minutes of the Hythe Centre Advisory Group held on the 19 September 2007.
- 8 Young Persons Involvement Strategy.
- 9 Community Safety Service Update.
- 10 Any other urgent business concerning the Committee.

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
AGENDA NOTES FOR 15 OCTOBER 2007

Item 7 Minutes of the Hythe Centre Advisory Group held on the 19 September 2007

Attached are the minutes of the last meeting of the group. As can be seen from the minutes the majority of traders did not attend the meeting. However the representative from the Business Partnership was asked to discuss with the Partnership whether they would prefer alternative meeting arrangements made.

Member's views are requested.

Item 8 Young Persons Involvement Strategy

Following the previous decision of this Committee to review the Council's Young People Involvement Strategy, the working group met with eight young people who represented a cross section of young people.

The group met twice on 6 August 2007 and 29 August 2007. At the initial meeting a "brainstorming" session was held which identified the positives and negatives issues which had an affect on young people split between those which the Parish Council could have a direct effect, those where the Parish Council had a direct influence and those where it was a combination of both.

The second meeting went through each of the issues and identified which were relative and could be worked towards either in the short term or long term. Some ideas would be fed into the Market Healthcheck Action Plan.

Attached is the final list of issues resulting from the meeting along with the proposed course of action. Some will have budget implications.

If the Committee accepts the lists attached then the next step would be as follows –

- a) Implement items this financial year.
- b) Make financial provision for items suggested in budget for 2008/09.
- c) Arrange further meetings of the working group to agree action plan to take the issue forward.

Member's views are requested.

Item 9 Community Safety Update

Accredited Community Safety Officers

Following the resignation of one of the dedicated ACSO'S an operational review was carried out with Hampshire County Council and as a result our new ACSO's

will be Jennie Brandon and Kirstie Harding. The contact arrangements remain the same.

Police Community Support Officers

Andy Mansbridge, the Council's sponsored PCSO is currently holding monthly surgeries at The Grove.

A meeting is currently being arranged between ACSO's and PCSO's to further improve the working arrangements. An update will be given to a future meeting of this Committee.

A discussion with the local Police Inspector regarding the provision of bicycles for the Neighbourhood Team was discussed. It was agreed that I would ask the Council to consider funding one of the bicycles for the Neighbourhood Team. It is anticipated that the cost including all the safety equipment etc will be £500 to £600. This can be funded from the existing Community Safety budget. (The ACSO'S already have bicycles).

Member's views are requested.

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