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To:

Members of the General Purposes and Finance Committee  
and remainder of the Council for information

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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 19 September 2005, at 8.00 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 the 25 July 2005.
3. To note any declaration of interest made by Members in connection with an Agenda item. The nature of the interest must be specified.
4. Public Participation Period.
5. Accounts for payment.
6. The Handy Trust – Proposed Service Level Agreement.
7. Review of Garden Refuse Sacks Policy – New Forest District Council's "bag it" Garden Waste Collection Service.
8. Community Safety Initiative (CSI) Street Lighting.
9. Southampton Airport's Outline Master Plan – Consultation Document.
10. New Forest District Council Proposed Car Parking Charges 2006
11. Skate Park – Hythe Skate and Ride
12. Proposed Extinguishment of Highway Rights - 3 Braehead, Hythe.
13. Hythe Centre Advisory Group Minutes dated 7 September 2005
14. Any other urgent business concerning the Committee.

**HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA NOTES FOR 19 SEPTEMBER 2005**

**Item 6      The HANDY Trust Proposed Service Level Agreement (SLA)**

At its meeting on the 20 June 2005 the Committee resolved

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1. That this Committee supports the SLA in principle.
2. That the Clerk to the Council should not be a trustee of the HANDY Trust.
3. That an amended SLA be brought to the next meeting of the Committee which the Youth Worker be invited to attend.”

Attached is a revised SLA for the provision of Youth Services in the Parish by the HANDY Trust. The Trust's Senior Youth Worker will be attending the meeting.

The SLA also requires the Council to provide two nominations for trustees of the HANDY Trust once the SLA is agreed between the two parties.

Members are asked to consider amend and subsequently agree the draft SLA and to consider two nominations to the Trust.

**Item 7      Review of Garden Refuse Sacks Policy – New Forest District Council's "bag it" Garden Waste Collection Service**

Currently the Council contributes 50% of the cost of ten garden refuse sacks per household where residents are in receipt of the State Retirement Pension.

During the last financial year the Council expenditure on the subsidy was 2646 which equates to approximately 630 households.

In other parts of the New Forest District Council area the grey garden refuse sacks have been replaced with a new "bag it" garden waste collection service. It is likely that this scheme will be introduced in the Parish next year.

At present the "bag it" scheme costs £25 per year, for this the New Forest District Council will provide

- Fortnightly kerbside collections of all green garden waste placed in the sack.
- A licence to use the service
- A reusable, durable woven polypropylene sack (110 Litres)

Unlike the grey sack system, whilst people will be able to apply at the local information office the sack and licence will be delivered to the property address.

New Forest District Council have indicated that it will still be possible to subsidise the new scheme by making a contribution to the collection charge.

Members are asked whether they wish to subsidise the "bag it" system and on what basis.

**Item 8                    Community Safety Initiative (CSI) Street Lighting**

Attached is letter from Hampshire County Council seeking bids for the year 2006/07. This year we were successful in our bid and the following improvements are due for completion by the end of October 2005.

- Watermans Lane
- Mountfield to Southampton Road Footpath
- School Road
- Curlew Close
- Curlew Drive
- Tern Close

These works are likely to expend the existing budgetary provision.

The roads requiring improvement still outstanding are

- Butts Ash Avenue
- Langdown Road

If these roads are to be submitted as bids budgetary provision will need to be made next year.

Members' views are requested.

**Item 9                    Southampton Airport's Outline Master Plan – Consultation Document**

Attached is a summary of the key points of the above plan. A copy of the full plan is available in the office or can be viewed on the Southampton Airport website [www.southamptonairport.com/masterplan](http://www.southamptonairport.com/masterplan).

Southampton Airport is seeking feedback from stakeholders by the 31 October 2005.

Members' views are requested.

**Item 10                  New Forest District Council Proposed Car Parking Charges 2006**

At the Planning Committee on the 5 September it was reported that the New Forest District Council Cabinet would be considering changes to current car parking charging arrangements. Due to the short timescale it was agreed that The Clerk to the Council should write to the District Council reiterating the Parish Councils position. A copy of the letter which was faxed to the District Council and was circulated to the Cabinet at their meeting is attached. It is understood that once the Cabinet decision has been through the full Council meeting we will be formally consulted on the proposals. It is likely that the consultation period will end around the middle of October 2005

Members' views are requested.

**Item 11                  Skate Park – Hythe Skate and Ride**

Members are no doubt aware that recently the skatepark opposite the Police Station has come to the end of its useful life. The ramps etc had been broken up and the site was becoming unneighbourly (In the office we had received complaints from local residents and the Police) in that the wood was a potential fire hazard and some of the other rubbish was attracting vermin. As members will also know whist we are the landlord of the site the skatepark is run by volunteers who have little funds and no access to resources. In view of the escalating problems and the amount of debris a contractor was employed to remove the rubbish and clean up the site. It is anticipated that the cost will be around £800.

The skatepark itself has proved itself a valuable asset to the community over the last few years and it is proposed that the following financial provision towards new equipment for the skatepark is considered.

In reserves we currently have two unused items Youth Facilities (£1200) and Dibden Bay Fighting fund (£3000) It is proposed that these two items be added together and after the cost of clearance is taken out the remaining amount approximately £3400 be allocated towards the provision of new equipment.

Members are asked to note the action taken and consider the proposal regarding the provision of new equipment.

**Item 12**

**Proposed Extinguishment of Highway Rights – 3 Braehead, Hythe**

At the meeting of the Committee on the 20 June 2005, Members considered a request to extinguish highway rights at the above address. The Committee resolved

"That the Principal Engineer at Hampshire County Council be asked why County Council funds are being used in this manner, with a copy letter being sent to the County Councillor."

Attached is a letter in reply from Hampshire County Council asking us to consider withdrawing our objection.

A copy of the papers considered on the 20 June 2005 is also attached.

Members' views are requested.

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