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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 20 February 2006 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 23 January 2006.
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. RevitalHythe update.
7. Review of The Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme – Initial Consultation.
8. Notes of the Hythe Centre Advisory Group held on the 24 January 2006.
9. Any other urgent business concerning the Committee.

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
AGENDA NOTES FOR 20 FEBRUARY 2006

Item 6 **RevitalHythe Update**

The Cinema is still going strong January performance of Pride & Prejudice was another sell out performance. Our Cinema has generated a lot of interest – we were asked to run a workshop on 'Starting a Cinema' for all the other Market Town Co-ordinators in Hampshire at the end of last year and this has resulted in several phone calls for advice including one from Marchwood who are going to run Pride & Prejudice in March at the village hall. Hopefully it will not affect our audiences.

Hampshire County Council are also doing a Press Release about our success.

Our 'Love It, Hate It I Wish Survey has become so widely copied around Hampshire that it is now part of New Forest Community Planning Resource Pack. Everyone likes it because it's simple and effective.

The Worksheets for the 'Environment' section are almost completed apart from the section on agriculture which needs further investigation.

The community website www.HytheOnLine.com is progressing well although not finished, is getting lots of hits - 8000 since mid August without any advertising - the people visiting are returning and 8 out of 10 people are saving it in 'favourites'. There are visitors from USA, Europe, Australia and New Zealand (one person left a message saying he knows Hythe well loves the site and likes logging onto to the web cam on Hythe Pier).

Work has started on a series Road Show events to 're-launch' RevitalHythe now we have a clearer idea of the areas people feel strongly about and/or we are weak on. The first one aimed at the businesses of Hythe and Dibden. The Road Shows will show people our areas of weaknesses or opportunity - and ask them to look at finding solutions that can then be progressed in to the Action Plan.

It is hoped to use the official opening of the refurbished promenade to relaunch RevitalHythe and the community website.

Members are asked to note the report.

Item 7 **Review of The Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme**

Defra has commissioned a research project to assess the success of the Quality Parish Scheme. Therefore NALC would like some initial views from Quality Parish Councils that they can feed into the process. Attached is a paper from NALC outlining their thoughts.

Member's views are requested.