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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 11 June 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 16 April 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. Recognition of long serving Councillors.
8. Update on Public Buildings.
 - The Grove
 - Clayfields
 - Parish Hall
 - Workshop
 - Pavilion Shore Road
9. Outline Financial Position 2006/2007.
10. Hythe Skate and Ride – request for funding.

11. Market Town Healthcheck – Draft Consultation Document.
12. Review of the Committees Working Parties.
13. Any other urgent business concerning the committee.

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
AGENDA NOTES FOR 11 JUNE 2007

Item 8 Update on Public Buildings

The Grove – No further update.

Clayfields – No major works planned.

Parish Hall –

The work on the new disabled access to the Parish Hall commenced at the beginning of May and is due to be finished by 10 June 2007. The completed access will comply with the current regulations.

Workshop - No major work planned.

Pavilion – Shore Road – No major work planned.

Members are asked to note the report.

Item 9 Outline Financial Position 2006/2007

The final accounts for the year ending 31 March 2007 are currently being prepared. The accounts will be presented to the Council meeting on the 23 July 2007.

Attached is the financial monetary information for day to day income and expenditure for the last quarter ending 31 March 2007.

The summary sheet shows the following outline position.

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Income	541,070	673468	96398
Expenditure	541,070	547413	- 6343

The main increases in the actual income is a result of the following –

- Grant from "Veolia Environmental Trust" for equipment at Ewart Play Area £30,000
- Contribution towards future bus shelter maintenance From Hampshire County Council £29,500
- Donations from members of the public for dedicated Seats on the promenade £4,500
- "Awards for All" Lottery grant towards new ramp at Parish Hall £10,000
- Additional income from day to day activities (increase

in interest rates, additional lettings at The Grove,
Cinema Income)

£22,398

£96,398

The increased expenditure is mainly due to expenditure on the cinema which was not included in the original budget, tree work and vandalism being more than anticipated.

Once this increase in expenditure is offset against the additional income of £22,398 there is a balance of approximately £16,000 which can either be transferred to balances or used for other projects during the coming year.

Member's views are requested.

Item 10

Hythe Skate and Ride – request for funding

Hythe Skate and Ride are keen to reinstate the skate park in Jones Lane. A recent Big Lottery Fund bid was turned down. A letter, attached, requesting financial assistance has been received from Hythe Skate and Ride.

An application to the Dibden Allotments Charity has been successful in as much as it has undertaken to meet 50% of the project costs to a maximum of £40,000.

This Council has always recognised the need to make provision for young people within the Parish and the need for the skate park is supported by the Police, the ACSO's and the Handy Trust.

Members are reminded that the land is sub-leased to the Hythe Skate and Ride Charity by this Council for the charity to provide and manage a skate park.

This request is to be considered by the Amenities Committee on 4 June 2007 but due to the timescale involved in preparing committee agenda in line with the statutory requirements, it is not possible to include the outcome of that meeting on these notes therefore, in the event of the Amenities Committee supporting the request and making a recommendation to this committee, Members are asked to consider the request of the Amenities Committee and Hythe Skate and Ride and if in support, decide upon an amount and to identify the source of the funding.

Item 11

Market Town Healthcheck – Draft Consultation Report

Attached is the first draft of the Consultation document, which has been based on the work of various groups, questionnaires and surveys that have been undertaken during the project.

Once Members comments have been taken into account, the draft document will be put out to public consultation.

In order to take the project to the next stage it is proposed that a member of the Council should be nominated to lead each of the following areas.

- a) Environment.
- b) Economy

c) Social and Community

e) Transport

Member's views are requested.

Item 12 Review of the Committees Working Parties

In the past this Committee has set up the following Working Parties.

Art Collection Working Party

Terms of reference – attached

Membership – Brenda Smith, Bob Podesta, David Smith.

Speed Restriction Working Party

Terms of reference – attached

Membership – Stan Wade, David Smith, Roger Guy

Members are asked to consider whether items for discussion at the above working parties could be included on the agenda of appropriate committees as and when necessary and that specific Working Parties or Task Groups be set up for time limited projects when necessary.

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