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5 January 2010

**Members of the General Purposes and Finance Committee,**

**Are hereby summoned to attend the General Purposes and Finance Committee to be held in The Grove, 25 St. John's Street, Hythe, on Monday next 11 January 2010 at 8 pm.**

Yours faithfully

Clerk to the Council

**AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for absence.
2. To sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23 November 2009.
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. Update on New Forest Association of Local Councils.
7. NALC – Possible Withdrawal of the Hampshire Association
8. Update on Climate Change and 10:10 Carbon Emissions Reduction Scheme.
9. Revision of DfT's Speed Limit Circular.
10. Review of Direct Debits payments.
11. Accounts for payment.
12. Any other urgent business concerning the Committee.

**HYPHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA NOTES FOR 11 JANUARY 2010**

**Item 6 Update on New Forest Association of Local Councils**

The Chairman of the Council and Clerk attended the meeting of the Association on 17 December 2009. A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

**Item 7 NALC – Possible Withdrawal of the Hampshire Association**

At the last meeting of this Committee, the Chairman of the Council updated members on the current proposals from the Hampshire Association of Local Councils to carry out a survey of Association members with a view to the Association withdrawing from NALC. Since then NALC has written to all member Councils in Hampshire setting out their position. (A copy of the letter is attached)

Members views are requested`

**Item 8 Update on Climate Change and 10:10 Carbon Reduction Scheme**

At a previous meeting of this Committee it was agreed that the Clerk would review the 10:10 Carbon Emissions Reduction Scheme and report back on a possible way forward for the Council.

The original Scheme which was set up for principal Councils consists of them

- (a) Establishing a baseline for their carbon emissions and setting out to reduce them by 10% in 2010
- (b) Encouraging staff, residents and contractors to take part in the initiative.

Having reviewed the Scheme it is proposed that this Council

- (a) Establishes its Carbon emissions for the year ending 31 March 2009 and sets this as the baseline.
- (b) Sets a target of a 5% reduction in carbon emissions after the twelve months following agreement of the baseline figure.
- (c) Adopts a new "Environmental Policy" which will set out the Council's objectives and how we intend to achieve them.
- (d) In order to raise the profile of reducing carbon emission with the general public it is proposed to invite the New Forest District Council's Environmental Officer to give a presentation at the next Annual Parish meeting.
- (e) Write to all our contractors and suppliers asking them to join us in this initiative.

A further report will be presented to Committee in the February cycle setting out the baseline figure and a proposed "Environmental Policy".

Member's views are requested.

**Item 9 Revision of DfT's Speed Limit Circular**

Attached is a consultation document on 20 mph zones. Comments are required by the 5 February 2010.

Member's views are requested.

**Item 10 Review of Direct Debit Payments**

In accordance with Council Policy all payments made by Direct Debits should be reviewed. The last review was January 2009.

The current organisations being paid by Direct Debits are:-

British Telecom – Telephones at various Council buildings (excluding The Grove) and broadband connection.

Southern Electric – Gas and Electric in Council buildings.

Fuel genie (namely Tesco) – Vehicle Fuel

New Forest District Council – Business Rates

Clarion Communication – Telephone at The Grove

Newsquest – Daily Echo

Members are asked to note the organisations currently paid by Direct Debit.