



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES

THURSDAY 24 MARCH 2011 AT 8.45AM
CONFERENCE ROOM A, CIVIC OFFICES, PORTSMOUTH

Cabinet Member for Resources

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declaration of Members' Interests

3. Twinning

To consider a report from the Head of customer, Community and Democratic Services to enable the Cabinet Member for Resources to consider the way forward for Twinning following the Scrutiny Review carried out in 2009 and the cut in funding in the 2011/12 to 2015/16 Revenue budget and to enable the Cabinet Member for Resources to decide on the preferred option.

RECOMMENDED

that the Cabinet Member for Resources decides

- (1) to remind the Chairs of the Duisburg and Haifa Twinning Committees of the role the Resources portfolio has with regard to twinning and associated arrangements and to specifically include the responsibilities listed in 4.3 of the report.**
 - (2) that with more limited resources, the Cabinet Member for Resources will seek applications for funding via the attached application form, to be supported by and based on the committees' plans for the year; a Resources Portfolio meeting will then consider in June/July 2011, applications received by a deadline to be determined.**
 - (3) whether or not unspent balances from the Duisburg and Haifa Committees should continue to be carried forward or be returned to the corporate balance at the end of each year.**
 - (4) that option 1 outlined in 5.1 be adopted pending an improved financial position when funding can be provided to consider option 2.**
 - (5) that for the time being the Resources Portfolio continue to perform the overarching Committee role for the twinning function and that the effectiveness of this arrangement be reviewed in due course at which time the need for developing the decision making supporting structure, (for example the possible establishment of sub-committees), having regard to the future level of involvement in twinning and friendship associations, will be assessed with a recommendation to Cabinet and Council if required.**
- 4. Customer, Community and Democratic Services Business Plan**
To consider the draft business plan for Customer, Community and Democratic Services (CCDS).

RECOMMENDED that the portfolio holder for resources approves the plan and the key objectives for the service, as set out in the report.

5. Update on Voluntary & Community Sector

To receive a verbal update from the Third Sector Partnerships and Commissioning Manager.

6. Support for the Voluntary & Community Sector 2011/12 - Voluntary Sector Annual Report

To consider a report from the Head of Customer Community and Democratic Services which makes recommendations on the allocation of funding for the Voluntary & Community Sector in the grant year 2011/12.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Resources

(1) Agrees the allocation of funding for 2011/2012 in appendices 1-6

(2) Suggests that Directorates who have reduced levels of funding to Voluntary & Community Organisations should meet with them to discuss other funding sources and monitor the impact of reduction in services.

7. Audit and Performance Improvement Business Plan

The purpose of this report is to summarise the Audit & Performance Improvement Service Business Plan 2011-2014, and seek approval from the Cabinet Member for Resources of the main objectives contained within the plan.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Resources approves the objectives contained within the Audit & Performance Improvement Service Business Plan, as stated in section 3.5 of the report.

8. Information Service Business Plan

To receive a verbal report on the Information Service Business Plan from the Head of Information Services.

9. Exclusion of Press and Public

That in view of the contents of the following item on the agenda the Portfolio Holder for Resources is RECOMMENDED to adopt the following motion:

“That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985, the press and public be excluded for the consideration of the following item(s) on the grounds that the report(s) contain information defined as exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972”.

The public interest in maintaining the exemption must outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information.

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documentation to the Democratic Support Officer at the conclusion of the meeting for shredding.)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Exemption Para No.*</u>
10 – Financial Appraisal (Appendix)	1,2,3

***Paragraph Exemption Nos:**

1. Information relating to any individual
 2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
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10. **Merefield House Relocation of Service and Customer Access Improvements to Civic Offices - Capital Scheme Approval (report to follow which includes an exempt appendix).**
 11. **Date of Next Meeting**
The date of the next meeting is scheduled for 7 July 2011 at 8.45am.