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COMPTON AND PEVERELL AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2010

TIME: 7.00 PM

**PLACE: DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS,
LYNDHURST RD, PLYMOUTH, PL2 3DL**

Members –

Councillor Dr. Mahony, Chair
Councillor Stark, Vice Chair
Councillors Ball, Fry, Martin Leaves and Mrs Nicholson

Co-opted Representatives –

Mr H Clifton (Friends of Hartley Park)
Commander P Searle
Mr R Wheeler (Emmanuel Church)
Mrs M White (Mutley Community Association)

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business overleaf

Members and Officers are requested to sign the attendance list at the meeting.

BARRY KEEL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMPTON AND PEVERELL AREA COMMITTEE

PART I (PUBLIC COMMITTEE)

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for non-attendance submitted by Committee Members.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members will be asked to make any declarations of interest in respect of items on this Agenda.

3. MINUTES

(Pages 1 - 6)

The Committee will be asked to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2009.

Please note any questions relating to these minutes can be asked under question time for members of the public.

4. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

To receive reports on business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be brought forward for urgent consideration.

5. POLICING ISSUES AND PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT) PRIORITIES

Representatives from the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary will report on any relevant local issues.

6. PLANNED HIGHWAYS WORKS

(Pages 7 - 8)

The Committee will receive a report on future planned highways works in the Compton and Peverell wards.

7. LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FUND

(Pages 9 - 10)

The Committee will be provided with a report on the Local Environment Fund.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee will consider requests from individual Committee Members for future agenda items and identify items that are still outstanding from previous meetings.

9. QUESTION TIME FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Committee and Officers will respond to questions from members of the public attending the Committee. Any question not answered shall be the subject of a written response within ten working days.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday 22 March 2010 at Trinity United Reformed Church, Torr Lane, Plymouth.

PART II (PRIVATE COMMITTEE)

AGENDA

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE

That, under the law, the Committee is entitled to consider certain items in private. Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

NIL.

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Compton and Peverell Area Committee

Monday 16 November 2009

PRESENT:

Councillor Dr. Mahony, in the Chair
Councillor Stark, Vice Chair
Councillors Ball, Fry, Martin Leaves and Mrs Nicholson

Co-opted Representatives: Mr H R M Clifton, Commander P Searle, Mr R Wheeler and Mrs M White

The meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 8.15pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made in accordance with the Code of Conduct in relation to items under discussions at this meeting –

Name	Minute & Subject	Reason	Interest
Councillor David Stark	Minute. 35 Question Time for Members of the Public.	Director of Plymouth Citybus Limited	Personal
Councillor Martin Leaves	Minute. 35 Question Time for Members of the Public.	Taxi driver	Personal

27. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2009 is approved as a correct record.

CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

28. Planning applications

The Chair explained that the following Planning Applications had recently been rejected –

- (i) change of use from a restaurant/café to hot food takeaway at 72 Hyde Park Road Plymouth;
- (ii) change of use and alteration to hot food takeaway at 1 Weston Park Road.

(In accordance with Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Chair brought forward the above items for consideration because of the need to inform members.)

29. POLICING ISSUES AND PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT) PRIORITIES

Apologies for absence were received from the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary representative for Compton, Hartley and Mannamead.

Members were advised that the PACT priorities for Compton, Hartley and Mannamead had remained the same as was explained at the last meeting of the Compton and Peverell Area Committee.

A Police representative for Peverell addressed the Committee in regard to policing issues and PACT priorities. It was explained that –

- (i) the PACT priorities for Peverell had remained the same;
- (ii) there had been a reduction in crime recorded in the Peverell neighbourhood, compared to statistics collated from the same period last year;
- (iii) although, there had been an overall reduction in crime, other statistics for the Peverell neighbourhood revealed an increase in criminal activity, compared to statistics collated from the same period last year, as follows –
 - increase in shoplifting offences, however, this still equated to less than one incident of shoplifting per week;
 - increase in criminal damage.

Members were also informed that –

- (iv) PC Fry and PC Fryer had left their positions within the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary and that two new officers would be starting in these posts shortly;
- (v) Inspector Paul Chudleigh, would be retiring from his current position within the West Sector Team in the near future.

Following questions from the Committee it was explained that Police Community Support Officers were bringing continuity to the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

30. COUNCIL PRIORITIES REVIEW

The Assistant Director for Safer Communities gave an interactive presentation on the review of Council priorities. Members of the Committee were informed that –

- (i) the purpose of the presentation was to help establish the priorities for the Council over the forthcoming financial year;
- (ii) at present Plymouth City Council had over 300 different services and that most of these operated well, however, there are other areas that need some direction to improve their service. These areas were called Corporate Improvement Priorities (CIP's) and were contained within the Corporate Plan;
- (iii) the CIP's were changed on an annual basis and were formed from feedback gathered throughout the year via surveys, customer comments and complaints and information gathering in forums such as Area Committees.

Members of the Committee and members of the public were then asked to indicate, via an interactive voting system, if the Council should do more, keep it up or do the less within nine key areas identified by the Council which it believes are most relevant to customers. The result was as follows –

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| (1) | I want you to provide better and more affordable housing? | |
| | A. Do more | 8 |
| | B. Keep it up | 9 |
| | C. Do less | 0 |

(2)	I want you to provide more culture and leisure facilities?	
	A. Do more	6
	B. Keep it up	10
	C. Do less	2
(3)	I want you to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour?	
	A. Do more	14
	B. Keep it up	4
	C. Do less	0
(4)	I want you to keep me informed and involved in local issues?	
	A. Do more	6
	B. Keep it up	11
	C. Do less	1
(5)	I want you to work on providing better value for money?	
	A. Do more	12
	B. Keep it up	6
	C. Do less	0
(6)	I want you to help older people live independently?	
	A. Do more	13
	B. Keep it up	5
	C. Do less	0
(7)	We want cleaner streets?	
	A. Do more	8
	B. Keep it up	9
	C. Do less	0
(8)	I want you to raise achievement in our schools and colleges?	
	A. Do more	10
	B. Keep it up	8
	C. Do less	0
(9)	I want you to make it easier to get around Plymouth?	
	A. Do more	13
	B. Keep it up	3
	C. Do less	1

The following comments were made -

- (iv) it would have been a more relevant exercise if the questions were revealed before the presentation, allowing people to prioritise their answers in order to reflect which services they believe need more work rather than to vote "Do more" for every question;
- (v) the questions should be more specific and presented with statistics and evidence to enable people to give a more informed choice, as everyone wants the Council to do more in all departments.

The Assistant Director for Safer Communities was thanked for his attendance.

31. LOCALITY WORKING

The Director for Community Services presented a report on Locality Working and informed the Committee that –

- (i) the locality boundaries were agreed by the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Executive and endorsed by the LSP Board in September 2008;
- (ii) the locality boundaries had been adopted by a number of services with localities being recognised as a more effective way of delivering services such as the police and Children's Services;
- (iii) consultation was ongoing as to how locality boundaries might affect Area Committees, but as yet no decision had been made;
- (iv) the issue was currently being considered through a task and finish group organised by the Customers and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel;
- (v) for any changes to occur within Plymouth City Council, as a result of the locality boundaries, a decision would need to be made that would have to go through the democratic process.

The Director for Community Services was thanked for her attendance.

32. **MANNAMEAD ROAD - PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLANDS**

The Committee received a report on Mannamead Road – Pedestrian Improvements and considered the comments received during the advertisement period as detailed in the report.

The Committee made the following comments –

- (i) they did not want to see these improvements slip from the 2009/10 programme as had previously happened from the 2008/09 programme;
- (ii) they welcomed these changes and looked forward to seeing the pedestrian islands implemented once the waiting restrictions were enforced.

Recommended to the Cabinet Member for Transport to implement the waiting restrictions on Mannamead Road as advertised.

33. **POUNDS HOUSE UPDATE**

The Head of Corporate Property presented a report on Pounds House and informed the Committee that –

- (i) Pounds House was a Grade II listed 19th Century country house that undertook a full refurbishment approximately 20 years ago following a major fire;
- (ii) currently the building was being utilised by the Life Centre Project Management Team and had been a successful base for their work ensuring that the Project Management Team would continue to work from Pounds House until the completion of the Life Centre at the end of 2011;
- (iii) the Council's longer term plan for the house post 2011 is to relocate the Register Office from its current base in Lockyer Street;
- (iv) the plan to relocate the Register Office was seen as an appropriate

long term use that would safeguard the future of the building as well as bring advantages to the services that the Register Office provide;

- (v) in order to facilitate the relocation of the Register Office, its current location Lockyer Street, would need to be sold off to raise the finances to carry out some minor refurbishment work that would be required.

In response to questions raised it was reported that –

- (1) the limitations to having the Register Office relocated to Pounds House were access and parking but this could be overcome by demolishing redundant stores and removing trees and bushes that were not subject to a tree preservation order;
- (2) the Capital and Assets department would work closely with the Transport department to ensure that access to Pounds House and the junctions on Outland Road would be improved;
- (3) other options with regard to parking and access would be looked into including the possible use of the Park and Ride car park.

The Head of Corporate Property was thanked for his attendance.

34. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee considered requests from Members about possible future agenda items.

Resolved that the Committee request reports on –

- (1) local highway issues from AMEY;
- (2) Anti-Social Behaviour problems in Compton Vale;
- (3) future changes to local educational facilities.

35. QUESTION TIME FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Committee considered questions raised by members of the public on the following matters –

- (i) implementing yellow lines on Revel Road;
- (ii) implementing School Keep Clear markings outside of Kings School, Hartley Road;
- (iii) Plymouth Citybus;
- (iv) litter bins;
- (v) recycling bins;
- (vi) waste collections in Higher Compton.

Councillors responded as follows –

- (vii) with regard to (iii) above, there had been no decision made by the Council as yet to sell Plymouth Citybus.

It was resolved that –

- (1) with regard to (i), (ii) and (iv) above, the Democratic Support Officer would seek to obtain a response from the relevant departments and report back to the Committee;
- (2) with regard to (v) and (vi) above, the Democratic Support Officer would take up these matters and obtain a response for the members of public.

(Councillors Stark and Martin Leaves declared personal interests with regard to item (iii).)

36. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved that the next meeting of the Committee will be held at 7pm on Monday 25 January 2010, at Devonport High School for Girls, Lyndhurst Road, Peverell, Plymouth.

Plymouth Transport and HighwaysProgrammed Works around Peverell and Compton up to April 2010**Beacon Park Road Traffic Calming**

Pedestrian improvements have been designed for Beacon Park Road in the form of pedestrian refuge islands. These are designed to reduce vehicle speeds and to provide a safe crossing point for pedestrians to access the local shop and bus stops

This work is currently programmed for the last two weeks of January.

Lipson Vale School Safety Improvements

The construction of a build out will ensure that the visibility of children crossing the road is not compromised by parked vehicles. The scheme will improve safety for pedestrians and motorists at the Bernice Terrace/Clifton Avenue junction and will improve conditions for pedestrians crossing outside the school.

Construction of the scheme is currently programmed for the February half term break in order to minimise disruption to both schools, however; this is weather dependant.

North Hill High Friction Surfacing

This scheme is one of several that were identified through site investigations and Stage 3 & 4 Safety Audits. The scheme will include white lining and High Friction Surfacing. This work is programmed for mid February.

Tavistock Road

In conjunction with the Bus and Cycle lane introduction on Tavistock Road, a programme of surfacing works will be completed by the end of March.

Mannamead Road Refuge Islands

Pedestrian refuge islands have been designed to improve pedestrian safety in the area including those using the bus stops located on Mannamead Road. At present there are no crossing points in the near vicinity, therefore causing pedestrians to walk out of their way or to cross where it may not be safe to do so. This scheme is programmed to commence in February

City Wide Programme of Surfacing Works

The following minor surfacing works are programmed to be carried out before March 2010

- Lipson Road
- Alexandra Road
- Donnington Drive
- Fort Austin Avenue
- Morshead Road
- Tavistock Road

Forward Programme

The 2010/2011 Capital Programme has been produced and Plymouth Transport and Highways are currently prioritising individual sites in line with the Local Transport Plan objectives. Consultation will be carried out as and when required.

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To: Compton and Peverell Area Committee
 From: Garry Stainer, in the capacity as the Project Manager of the LEF Fund
 Subject: LEF 2009/10
 Date: January 2009

All

I am writing to advise you of 2 new finance arrangements relating to this year's Local Environment Fund:

- **LEF – Supplementary Allocations 2009/10**

With it now being decided that all LEF budgets not spent last year are to be carried-forward, there are now some additional monies available for your committee. In addition, there are also some further amounts available from projects that were 2008/09 ring-fenced projects – this is either with a ring-fenced project being cancelled due to a factor beyond the control of the Committee or a project being completed at a cost which is less than the original budget.

The following table summarises the newly additional funds that are available to your committee: – [these are additional to the main allocations which have already been allocated to you.]

		Share of "unallocated" (£)	Newly available due to ring fenced projects being cancelled or under-spent (£)	Total (£)
Committee.				
Budshead, Honicknowle and Southway	LEF 1	1,158	3,449	4,607
Compton and Peverell	LEF2	772		772
Devonport, Stoke, St Peter and Waterfront	LEF 3	1,158		1,158
Drake, Efford, Lipson, Sutton and Mount Gould	LEF 4	1,029	600	1,629
Eggbuckland and Moor View	LEF 5	772		772
Ham and St. Budeaux	LEF 6	772	7,469	8,241
Plympton	LEF 7	900		900
Plymstock	LEF 8	773		773
	Total	7,334	11,518	18,852

As Chair of your Committee, it has been decided to initially allocate these new monies to yourselves, for you to be able to apportion to each Councillor e.g. at your next Area Committee meeting.

- **LEF Monies needing to be spent by March 31st 2010**

It has also been decided that the deadline date for spending allocated LEF Funds is **March 31st 2010** – no carry-forwards are to be allowed into the next financial year. This is for all LEF Funds: i.e. your original 09/10 allocations, 08/09 carried-forward projects and the newly available allocations above.

We are aware that the date of March 31st 2010 is not that far away and that there is a need to allow for time for invoices to be processed – we would therefore please encourage for LEF allocations to now be spent as soon as you are able.

Please do not hesitate to telephone the Project Manager for the LEF Fund of Garry Stainer on telephone no.: 304682, if there is a query.

Distribution:

Chairs of the Area Committees:

Budshead, Honicknowle & Southway -	Cllr Monahan
Compton & Peverell -	Cllr Dr John Mahony
Devonport, Stoke, St. Peter & Waterfront -	Cllr Mrs Dolan
Drake, Efford & Lipson, Sutton & Mt Gould -	Cllr Eddie Rennie
Eggbuckland & Moor View -	Cllr Michael Foster
Ham & St. Budeaux -	Cllr Gordon
Plympton -	Cllr Nicholson
Plymstock -	Cllr Mrs Pengelly