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10 February 2011

## MOUNT EDGCUMBE JOINT COMMITTEE

## DATE: FRIDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2011 <br> TIME: 10.45 AM <br> PLACE: BELVEDERE ROOM, BARROW PARK COMPLEX, MOUNT EDGCUMBE, CREMYLL

## Committee Members-

Plymouth City Councillors-
Councillors Delbridge, King, Martin Leaves, McDonald, Reynolds (Co Chair), Smith and Vincent.

Cornwall Councillors-
Councillors B Austin, J Flashman, J German, D Holley, M Pearn, B Preston and G Trubody (Co Chair).

Co-opted Members-
Sir Richard Carew Pole Bt, Commander G Crocker, Mr D L Richards, Mr T Savery and Mrs B Spring.

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

Please note that, unless the Co Chairs agree, mobile phones should be switched off and speech, video and photographic equipment should not be used during meetings.

BARRY KEEL
KEVIN LAVERY
Joint Clerks

## MOUNT EDGCUMBE JOINT COMMITTEE

## PART I (PUBLIC COMMITTEE)

## AGENDA

## 1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for non-attendance submitted by Joint 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 1-4)
To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2010 as a correct record.
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. 2010/11 MONITORING UPDATE
(Pages 5-16)
The Joint Committee will receive an update report on the 2010/2011 monitoring.

## 6. EXEMPT BUSINESS

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it (they) involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## 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.

## 7. UPDATE ON BUSINESS PLAN (E3)

The Joint Committee will receive a presentation which will provide an update on its business plan.

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## Mount Edgcumbe Joint Committee

## Friday 10 December 2010

## PRESENT:

Councillor Reynolds, Co Chair, in the Chair.
Councillors Austin, Mrs Bragg (substitute for Councillor Martin Leaves), Delbridge, Flashman, German, Holley, Pearn MBE, Riches (substitute for Councillor Preston) Trubody (Co Chair), Smith and Vincent.

Co-opted Representatives: Sir Richard Carew Pole Bt, Cdr Crocker and Mr D L Richards.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Martin Leaves, McDonald and Preston and Co-opted representatives; Mr T Savery and Mrs Spring.

Also in attendance: Ian Berry (Park Manager PCC), James Coulton (Assistant Director for Culture, Sport and Leisure PCC), Charlie David (Operations Manager East CC), Wendy Eldridge (Senior Account PCC), Steve England (Accountant CC), Louise Goad (Group Accountant PCC) and David Jenkins (Accountant CC).

The meeting started at 10.45 am and finished at 1.15 pm .
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.
27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the code of conduct, Sir Richard Carew Pole, Bt, declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he owned chalets along the coast.
28. MINUTES

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2010 are signed as a correct record subject to the following amendment to minute 26 (2) 'agreed to ask the constituent authorities to'.

## CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

With permission of the Chair, Ian Berry (Park Manager) advised the Joint Committee that the lease on the property known as 'Picklecombe Cottage' (adjacent to Fort Picklecombe) had been relinquished; the property was owned by the Mount Edgcumbe Estate. The officers' working group would be looking at the options for the property and would report back to a future Joint Committee meeting.
(In accordance with Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Chair brought forward the above item to inform councillors).

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## EXEMPT BUSINESS

Agreed that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public are excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of confidential/exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the (Local Government Access to Information) Act 1985, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
31. 2011/12-2013/14 BUDGET SETTING (E3)

The Director for Community Services, Director for Corporate Support and Head of Environment and Heritage Service submitted a joint report on budget setting for 2011/12-2013/14.

The Joint Committee recommends to the Cabinet of each constituent authority that -
(1) it notes the budget pressures outlined for 2011/12 and beyond as detailed in paragraph 1.3 of the report;
(2) it approves the mitigating actions outlined in paragraph 1.4 of the report with the exception of the proposal on chalet rents;
(3) it approves the proposal relating to chalet rents as amended at the meeting;
(4) it approves the actions as outlined in paragraph 1.8 of the report;
(5) it approves the further actions outlined in paragraph 1.11 and 1.12 which are required to set a balanced budget;
(6) it notes the work on further business planning being undertaken to be brought to a future meting of the Joint Committee.

The Joint Committee agreed that -
(1) the following investigatory work is undertaken and reported back to the Joint Committee meeting on 14 January 2011 -
(a) the feasibility of the implementing a voluntary entrance fee to the park;
(b) the sale of the cliff and chalets;
(c) the sale or auction of Picklecombe Cottage;
(d) the amount of funding received by the Mount Edgcumbe Estate relating to the Rural Payments Agency.

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(Sir Richard Carew Pole, BT declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the room whilst the proposal for chalet rents were being discussed)
(lan Berry left the room whilst staff terms and conditions were being discussed)

# CITY OF PLYMOUTH MOUNT EDGCUMBE JOINT COMMITTEE 

| Joint Chairs: | Councillor D Reynolds, Plymouth City Council/ Councillor G Trubody, Cornwall Council |
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| SMT Members: | Director for Community Services Director for Corporate Support |
| Cornwall Council Officer: | Head of Environment and Heritage Service, Cornwall Council |
| Subject: | 2010/11 Monitoring Update |
| Committee: | Mount Edgcumbe Joint Committee |
| Date: | 18 February 2011 |
| Author: | Ian Berry - Park Manager |
| Contact: | Tel: (01752) 832226 e-mail: ian.berry@plymouth.gov.uk |
| Key Decision : | No |
| Ref: | ME |
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## Executive Summary:

This report presents an update on the financial position of the Joint Committee for financial year 2010/11.

## Corporate Plan 2010-2013:

Plymouth City Council:
This monitoring report links to delivering the priorities within the Council's corporate plan.

## Cornwall Council:

Business Plan Immediate Priorities: Use of resources and performance management Environment, Planning and Economy Directorate Plan priorities:
Creating a Green Cornwall
Creating Better Places to Live
Delivering Excellent Services

## Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: <br> Including finance, human, IT and land

There is a forecast deficit of $£ 0.307 \mathrm{~m}$, an increase of $£ 0.045 \mathrm{~m}$ from the $£ 0.262 \mathrm{~m}$ reported in September. The increase reflects higher summer trading costs following a stock take at close of season trading and assumes all costs have now been incurred for this period. The breakdown for increased costs are from catering at Stables $£ 0.011 \mathrm{~m}$ and Orangery $£ 0.021 \mathrm{~m}$, and retail Plant sales $£ 0.008 \mathrm{~m}$ and Cremyll lodge $£ 0.005 \mathrm{~m}$.

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Commercial activity, specifically catering, has been reviewed and the Joint Committee previously approved the recommendation to Cabinet that the catering operations be let out to licence from next year.

In addition, use of park assets are being explored to address short and medium term options needed to produce a balanced budget to deliver a sustainable business model and address the lack of reserves.

Other Implications: e.g. Section 17 Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management, Equalities Impact Assessment, etc.

- Increased risk management will need to take place to manage the impact of the challenging financial position.


## Recommendations \& Reasons for Recommended action:

It is recommended that the Joint Committee:
a) Notes the estimated year end overspend of $£ 307 \mathrm{k}$

## Background Papers: Mount Edgcumbe 2010/11 Business Plan, 2010/11 Monitoring

## Sign Off

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| N/A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Originating SMT Member $\quad$ James Coulton

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## MOUNT EDGCUMBE 2010/11 MONITORING - Update

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1.This Report has been produced to update the Joint Committee with the monitoring position up to the 31 December 2010.
1.2. The report has been compiled following joint working by officers of Plymouth City Council and Cornwall Council and the joint chairs of the Mount Edgcumbe Committee.

## 2. 2010/11 Monitoring

2.1. Overall the net year end forecast overspend has increased from $£ 262 \mathrm{k}$ to $£ 307 \mathrm{k}$ - see appendix A for breakdown. The forecast has changed since reporting in September due to a final catering stock take at the end of trading which identified a worsening commercial trading position as follows:
2.1.1. Stables - adverse variation $£ 11 \mathrm{k}$

Previous monitoring was based on a stock take at the end of August which identified a cost of sales of 53 percent; this has increased to 65 percent based on a stock take at end of September trading. This combined with additional equipment and cleaning costs has resulted in a pressure of £15k.

There is a ( $£ 6 \mathrm{k}$ ) favourable variation from actual income received being higher than previously forecast. Additional staffing costs of $£ 2 \mathrm{k}$.
2.1.2. Orangery - adverse variation $£ 21 \mathrm{k}$ Previous monitoring was based on a stock take at the end of August which identified a cost of sales of 35 percent this has increased to 44 percent based on a stock take at the end of September trading. This combined with additional costs through laundry and hire of equipment has resulted in a pressure of $£ 7 \mathrm{k}$. Income projections have reduced by $£ 14 \mathrm{k}$ between the two forecasts.
2.1.3. Plant sales - adverse variation $£ 8 \mathrm{k}$

Previous monitoring was based on a stock take at the end of August which identified a cost of sales of 35 percent; this has increased to 86 percent based on a stock take at the end of September trading. This is partially due to invoices totalling $£ 7 \mathrm{k}$ relating to 2009/10 being charged to 2010/11 in error. However, even without this additional 2009/10 cost the actual cost of sales for operating this facility would be 47 percent which is still high considering the amount of stock produced on the Park with nil cost value.
2.1.4. Cremyll Shop - adverse variation $£ 5 \mathrm{k}$

Previous monitoring assumed the Cremyll Shop would break even during winter months. However, income during the winter months was $£ 3 \mathrm{k}$ lower than expected.

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The remaining $£ 3 \mathrm{k}$ is due to the cost of sales being higher than expected at 46 percent. This was previously estimated at 35 percent as stock take figures were not available).

Action has been taken to reduce staffing costs through agreed hourly rates with the Employment agency used. Although the estimated year end position for Cremyll Shop is to breakeven it should be noted that the opening of the Cremyll Shop throughout the year means that the Cremyll Shop Assistant provides cover during weekends which eliminates the need to pay overtime to a Ranger.
2.2 The $£ 307 \mathrm{k}$ net year end overspend can be broken down as follows -

- $\quad £ 172 \mathrm{k}$ Existing House \& Park operations

Mainly due to the standstill contribution from Plymouth and Cornwall authorities each year against the increased costs of maintaining the House and Park including additional staffing costs due to Job Evaluation.

- $\quad £ 103 k$ Commercial trading activities including catering

High cost of sales and staffing compared to income within the Park's commercial trading activities have contributed to the overall overspend this year. The Joint Committee previously approved the recommendation to Cabinet that the catering operations be let out to licence from next year. This will eliminate future catering overspends and generate income from the licensee.

- $\quad$ £22k Special Events

Overspend is mainly due to a one off cost of signage within the year (£17k).

- $\quad £ 11 k$ Plant Sales

Adverse variation is mainly due to high cost of sales and staffing costs. Plant sales will be moved to Cremyll Shop next year which will reduce costs. Cost of sales requires further investigation as should be minimal due to the amount of stock produced within the Park.

## 3. Recommendations

3.1. Notes the projected overspend of $£ 307$ k.

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| $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Latest Budget } \\ \text { CC0131 CC0139 } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Actual as at 31st Dec 2010 | 2010/11 <br> Latest Forecast 2010/11 | Previous Forecast 29/09/10 | Variance to Previous Forecast |
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| $(2,800)$ | 16,027 | 17,065 | 6,013 | 11,052 |
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| $(54,338)$ | 65,506 | 82,049 | 61,504 | 20,545 |
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Stables

| Explanation of Variances |
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| Lower staffing profile due to revised apportionment of agency staff |
| between Orangery \& Stables. |
| Income now reflects winter reduced trading w.e.f 4th October 2010 |
| Revised forecast based on actual with no further function income |
| projected to year end. |

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| Explanation of Variances |
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| Unbudgeted costs for hiring crockery etc for weddings \& functions. |
| Income now reflects winter reduced trading w.e.f 4 th October 2010 |
| Actual income includes deposits for $11 / 12$ and $12 / 13$ bookings, |
| forecast excludes these. |

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## APPENDIX A

Explanation of Variances

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| Explanation of Variances |
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| Additional staff costs to operate facility during winter months using agency staff |
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