

RUNNYMEDE BOROUGH COUNCIL

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9 April 2008

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hereby summon you to attend the meeting of the Council to be held on **Thursday 17 April 2008 at 7.30 p.m.** in the Council Chamber at the Civic Offices, Addlestone.

I am, Sir/Madam,
Your obedient servant

T N Williams
Chief Executive Officer

A G E N D A

1. FIRE PRECAUTIONS

The Mayor will read the Fire Precautions which set out the procedures to be followed in the event of fire or other emergency.

2. MINUTES

To approve and sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 14 February 2008 (page 771) and 4 March 2008 (page 805).

3. RUNNYMEDE DESIGN AWARDS 2007

The Mayor will present awards for the following schemes:-

Category 1: Best Sustainable Development Scheme

New Civic Centre, Runnymede Borough Council/Surrey Police, Addlestone

Category 2: Best Housing Development Scheme – Small

Morley Cottages, Village Road, Thorpe

Category 3: Best Housing Development Scheme – Large

Albany Court, Egham

Category 4: Best Commercial Development

New Civic Centre, Runnymede Borough Council/Surrey Police, Addlestone

In view of the special merit, a ***Highly Commended Certificate*** in the **Best Commercial Development Category** will be awarded to: **Thyme in the Tavern, 20 London Street, Chertsey**

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

If Members have an interest in an item please record the interest on the form circulated with this Agenda and hand it to the Clerk at the start of the meeting. A supply of the form will also be available from the Clerk at the meeting.

7. SPEAKING OR QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UNDER STANDING ORDER 12

8. PETITIONS

To receive Petitions under Standing Order No. 10.

9. QUESTIONS

To answer Questions asked under Standing Order No. 13.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

To consider the following recommendations from the Corporate Management Committee held on 27 March 2008. The Minutes of this meeting have not yet been finalised and therefore only the specific recommendations are shown below for Members' consideration.

(a) Increase in Capital Allowance.

Members gave consideration to a recommendation from the Housing and Community Services Committee that the Council's capital allowance should be topped up by an additional £3,250,000.

The Committee noted that it was vital that the capital allowance was set at a level sufficient to cover all anticipated housing capital receipts. This would enable income which would otherwise be subject to national pooling arrangements to be retained locally in order to fund housing and regeneration programmes. The proposed increase would ensure the full value of the housing receipts expected in 2008/09, including income from the sale of the Pinefields site, could be recycled for local benefit. It also created sufficient slack in the allowance to take account of larger than expected receipts or those arising from fast moving projects.

RECOMMEND that -

a top-up capital allowance of £3,250,000 be approved in respect of housing capital receipts that would otherwise have to be passed to the Government national pool.

(b) Hythe Park Progress Report.

(Ref: Minutes of Leisure and Environment Committee, June 2006, page 58, para. 80 and Economic Development Committee, September 2007, page 330, para. 252)

The Committee received a series of recommendations from the Leisure and Environment Committee in respect of the revised capital programme provision and capital estimate requirements for the establishment of the new Hythe Park.

Members noted that the cost of Phase 1 of the project as now proposed was by itself likely to exceed the capital budget by approximately £36,000. This was due to delays in the work programme, the need to protect the site from vehicular incursion in the meantime, the requirement to utilise specialist contractors to monitor and manage the protected species on

site and the need to employ a specialist hydrologist to deal with the Environment Agency's objections to the scheme. The additional capital programme provision required to complete this phase would be met through use of planning infrastructure contributions due to come on stream from April 2008. The same source would also be used to fund a shortfall of £17,800 related to part of the cost of CCTV coverage which, it was subsequently clarified, had arisen following a reallocation of resources to meet some of the additional Phase 1 costs.

The overall revised budget for the scheme now stood at £394,800, of which £379,800 was to be funded from capital receipts (including £53,000 available from infrastructure contributions). The balance of £15,000, for parks furniture, originally within the capital estimate, would now be financed by a virement from the Parks revenue budget for 2008/09.

The remaining aspects of the project were to be financed by external funding partners. The £74,000 construction costs of the Wet/Dry Area and Toddlers Play Area would be met with grants from AIR and landfill operators while the Big Lottery Fund had committed a total of £116,000 to the Multi Use Games Area and Adventure Play Area. The outcome of an application to the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership for £30,000 in respect of the cost of lighting was still awaited but a positive response was anticipated.

RECOMMEND that -

- i) a revised capital estimate in the sum of £394,800 for the creation of Hythe Park be approved to be financed from a virement of £15,000 and £53,000 from planning infrastructure contributions and the balance of £326,800 from capital receipts in hand;**
- ii) a capital estimate in the sum of £74,000 be approved for the construction of a Wet/Dry Area and a Toddlers Play Area at Hythe Park, to be financed from grants sourced through AIR;**
- iii) a capital estimate in the sum of £116,000 be approved for the construction of a multi-use games area and an Adventure Play Area at Hythe Park, to be financed from grant received from the Big Lottery Fund; and**
- iv) a capital estimate in the sum of £30,000 be approved for the estimated cost of lighting at Hythe Park, to be financed from a contribution from the Crime and Disorder Partnership.**

Detailed Officers' reports were provided on the relevant Agendas and Members may wish to bring these for reference.

11. PRESS AND PUBLIC TO BE EXCLUDED BY RESOLUTION

To move, if appropriate, the exclusion of the press and public for the following item, in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

12. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – EXEMPT

To consider any recommendations which relate to exempt business.