

HARTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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10th February 2005

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee to be held on Thursday 24th February 2005 commencing at 10.00 a.m. at the Pavilion, Manor Field.

Yours sincerely

Julie Hoad
Proper Officer

AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of interest

To receive Members declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 2nd February 2005. (Annexed).

4. Parish Office

To consider the Draft Lease for the Parish Office and the comments received from the Council's Solicitors. (Annexed)

5. Integrated Kent Franchise: Stakeholder Briefing Document

To note a letter received from the Strategic Rail Authority dated 24th January and the accompanying Integrated Kent Franchise Stakeholder Briefing Document.

6. Local Government Pension Scheme

To note a letter received from Kent County Council dated 3rd February 2005 detailing important changes to the Scheme Rules from 1st April 2005.

The main changes to the scheme are:

- To raise the normal retirement age for all members to their 65th birthday.
- To raise the age at which a member is entitled to the immediate payment of retirement benefits following redundancy/efficiency retirement from 50 to 55 years of age.
- To raise the age at which a member may elect to receive early payment of their retirement benefits, subject to their employers consent, from age 50 to age 55 years.

7. Citizen Engagement and Public Services: Why Neighbourhoods Matter and Vibrant Local Leadership

To consider two discussion documents received from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister entitled Citizen Engagement and Public Services: Why Neighbourhoods Matter

and Vibrant Local Leadership. (These documents may be downloaded from www.odpm.gov.uk)

8. Date of the next meeting

List of circulated documents

1. Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 2nd February 2005
2. Draft Lease for the Parish Office and comments from the Council's Solicitor. (Circulated to Members of the Committee only). This document is available to view at the Parish Office.

Committee membership
Cllr Abraham
Cllr Barnett (ex officio)
Cllr Ramsay

Cllr Alford
Cllr Gaywood (ex officio)