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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the meeting of the Council for the District of Dover held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Wednesday, 25 July 2018 at 6.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor S S Chandler

Councillors:

J S Back	A Friend	S C Manion
S F Bannister	R J Frost	K Mills
T J Bartlett	B Gardner	K E Morris
P M Beresford	B J Glayzer	D P Murphy
T A Bond	D Hannent	A M Napier
P M Brivio	P J Hawkins	M J Ovenden
B W Butcher	P G Heath	A S Pollitt
P I Carter	J M Heron	G Rapley
N J Collor	M J Holloway	D A Sargent
M D Conolly	P D Jull	F J W Scales
G Cowan	N S Kenton	P Walker
D G Cronk	P S Le Chevalier	
M R Eddy	S M Le Chevalier	

Officers: Chief Executive
Director of Environment and Corporate Assets
Director of Finance, Housing and Community
Director of Governance
Democratic Services Manager

17 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M I Cosin, N Dixon, R J Frost, S J Jones, L A Keen, M Rose and P M Wallace.

18 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor P I Carter declared an Other Significant Interest (OSI) in Minute No. 28 (Motion 2) by reason of his being a governor at a school in Sandwich and would withdraw from the meeting for the consideration of that item of business..

Councillor G Cowan declared an Other Significant Interest (OSI) in Minute No. 28 (Motion 2) by reason of his being a trustee of a multi-academy trust and would withdraw from the meeting for the consideration of that item of business.

Councillor D P Murphy declared an Other Significant Interest (OSI) in Minute No. 28 (Motion 2) by reason of his being the Vice-Chairman of Governors at one of the primary schools concerned and would withdraw from the meeting for the consideration of that item of business.

20 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

21 LEADER'S TIME

The Leader of the Council, Councillor K E Morris, included the following matters in his report:

- (a) That he had convened a meeting of the BREXIT Task Force to provide a local voice, seek out opportunities and lobby for investment. The Task Force had called upon the Government for investment of £1 billion. The key concerns of the Task Force were to ensure:

- Improved resilience in the road network (such as dualling A2)
- Investment in new technology to ensure frictionless borders
- Maximising jobs in tourism and freight
- Ensuring compatible standards on food and animal health standards
- Working together to ensure that Dover was ready on Day 1
- Maintaining strong cross-channel links
- Working with local businesses on BREXIT impact
- That traffic must be kept moving in Dover

The Task Force had met in September with French counterparts and it was intended that each would put joint pressure on their respective governments.

The Leader advised that he would update Members further through Council and the Members' Weekly News.

- (b) That the Council had entered into an agreement with Dover Big Local for them to use the Co-Op to help fledgling businesses in the hope that they would then transition into the High Street. The tenants would have a year to develop their businesses while the Council determined the final use for the Co-Op site.
- (c) That the St James development was 95% occupied or under offer with Kaspers, Burger King and the Entertainer the latest additions. Passengers from the cruise terminal had also been brought to St James.
- (d) That he met with 2 out of the 3 town mayors and would be meeting shortly with the Mayor of Dover.
- (e) That the William Muge and Snelgrove redevelopment would see 65 new units constructed. A community engagement event would also be held.
- (f) That the number of people in bed and breakfast accommodation fell for the 7th consecutive month.
- (g) That the Council was developing proposals for a range of modular housing options to be available from the end of 2019.

- (h) On the progress of Operation Urban in tackling street drinking in Pencester Gardens which had seen a substantial decrease in anti-social behaviour in the area.
- (i) That the Council would be hiring a Strategic Tourism Manager.
- (j) That the Council had worked to achieve the removal of hoardings on Town Street and scaffolding by the crypt.
- (k) The new vision for the Sandwich Guildhall site.
- (l) That works in respect of Deal Pier and the selection of a new tenant for the restaurant were progressing.
- (m) That 'big belly bins' were being tested in Deal and Walmer and if they were successful they would be rolled out to other areas according to need.
- (n) That Dover District Council, the Astor Theatre and Deal Town Council were working together to make provision for a part-time cinema in Deal. The Council had served a s.215 notice on the Regent Cinema due to its poor external condition.
- (o) The Council was able to provide some support for small retail businesses from a business rate retention windfall. The support was in the form of a grant of up to £10,000 for the purpose of assisting any small local retailer wanting to open on the High Street or improve/upgrade an existing small business on the High Street.
- (p) That the Council had increased its enforcement activity.

The Leader of the Main Opposition Labour Group, Councillor M R Eddy, included the following matters in his report:

- (a) To welcome the Leader's announcement that he had formed a BREXIT task force given the massive problems facing the district and country. He called for investment in the district to tackle the potential problems around the Port post-BREXIT and to emphasise the need for free flowing traffic to/from the Port. He also expressed concerns as to whether the resources would be in place for the required Port Health checks on day one of BREXIT. Overall, he did not believe that the country would be ready on day one of BREXIT.
- (b) To welcome the news in respect of St James while also emphasising the need to focus on other areas of the town as well.
- (c) To point out that it was a proposal of Councillor P Walker that the Council appoint a tourism manager.
- (d) To welcome the increased enforcement activity in the towns.
- (e) To welcome the news that the Astor Theatre would be providing a part-time cinema in Deal. However, he remained sceptical about a planning application coming forward for the Regent Cinema to bring it back into use.

The Leader of the Council did not exercise his right of reply.

22 SEAT ALLOCATION AND GROUP APPOINTMENTS

There were no changes to seat allocations or group appointments.

23 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

In accordance with Rule 11 of the Council Procedure Rules, Mr Bryan Henderson gave notice of his intention to ask the following question of the Leader of the Council, Councillor K E Morris:

“Following the introduction of GDPR, can the Leader of the Council, tell me, what measures are in place to prevent confidential emails from the Council, being accidentally shared with others?”

In response Councillor K E Morris stated that changes to data protection law had given individuals more control over how their personal data was processed. However, it has not altered the basic principle that peoples personal data must not be inappropriately shared. The Council took its responsibilities as a data controller seriously and had measures in place to enable it to discharge its legal obligations.

The Council had put in place technological and organisational measures to meet the stricter requirements of GDPR. A data protection officer had been appointed as required by law and revised, privacy notices, policies and procedures had been put in place. To this end, training had been provided to staff and councillors. The Council would continue to review its policies and practices to ensure compliance and follow best practice.

The Chairman rejected Mr Henderson’s supplementary question in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11 on the grounds that it related to a personal issue or an individual case.

24 DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE NEW ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Director of Governance presented the report on the draft recommendations to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) for the new electoral arrangements for Dover District Council.

It was moved by Councillor K E Morris and duly seconded that Option 2 of the report be agreed subject to a change to Appendix 1 as followed:

- (a) To reflect the changes recommended by the Electoral Matters Committee as set out in Appendix 2; and
- (b) To replace the word ‘supports’ in the suggested responses set out in Appendix 1 with ‘notes’.

Members discussed the proposed responses and in particular the issue of the River and Capel-le-Ferne Ward proposed by the LGBCE.

RESOLVED: (a) That the Chief Executive be authorized to make a response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on behalf of the Council in respect of the consultation on the new electoral arrangements for Dover District Council.

- (b) That the response be based on the draft response set out in Appendix 1, subject to including the changes recommended by the Electoral Matters Committee as set out in Appendix 2 and replacing the word 'supports' with 'notes' in the suggested responses.

25 REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION 2018 – FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULES AND BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK PROCEDURE RULES

The Director of Governance presented the report on the Review of the Constitution 2018 – Financial Procedure Rules and Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules.

It was moved by Councillor P G Heath, duly seconded and

- RESOLVED:
- (a) That the proposed changes as part of the 2018/2019 Review of the Constitution relating to Part 4 – Financial Procedure Rules and Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules as detailed at section 2 of this report be approved and incorporated into the Council's Constitution, issue no. 21.
 - (b) That the Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any associated incidental changes to the Constitution.

26 REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION 2018 - GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS

The Director of Governance presented the report on the Review of the Constitution 2018 – General and Administrative Amendments.

It was moved by Councillor P G Heath and duly seconded

- (a) That the proposed changes in the Review of the Constitution 2018, specifically relating to Part 3, Responsibility for Functions, Section 1 (Responsibility for Local Choice Functions), Section 2 (Responsibility for Council Functions) and Section 6, Sub Section C (Scheme of Officer Delegations) that relate to Council functions be approved and incorporated into the Council's Constitution, issue no. 21.
- (b) That the proposed changes in the Review of the Constitution 2018, specifically relating to Part 3, Section 6, Sub Section C (Scheme of Officer Delegations) that relate to executive functions be approved.

(Note: The Leader of the Council will be asked separately to approve any changes relating to executive functions but the Council is asked to approve the Scheme of Officer Delegations in its totality in the event that there has been an erroneous misclassification of functions.)

- (c) That the additional changes set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved and incorporated into the Council's Constitution, issue no. 21.

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor K E Morris, and duly seconded, that paragraphs 2.21 – 2.24 of the report (Questions and Answers at full Council) be deleted from the proposed changes to the Constitution.

Councillor K E Morris offered to meet with Councillor M R Eddy to discuss an alternative set wording that would be more acceptable.

On being put to the meeting the Amendment was CARRIED.

On being put to the meeting the Substantive Motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED: (a) That the proposed changes in the Review of the Constitution 2018, specifically relating to Part 3, Responsibility for Functions, Section 1 (Responsibility for Local Choice Functions), Section 2 (Responsibility for Council Functions) and Section 6, Sub Section C (Scheme of Officer Delegations) that relate to Council functions be approved and incorporated into the Council's Constitution, issue no. 21.

(b) That the proposed changes in the Review of the Constitution 2018, specifically relating to Part 3, Section 6, Sub Section C (Scheme of Officer Delegations) that relate to executive functions be approved.

(Note: The Leader of the Council will be asked separately to approve any changes relating to executive functions but the Council is asked to approve the Scheme of Officer Delegations in its totality in the event that there has been an erroneous misclassification of functions.)

(c) That the additional changes set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved and incorporated into the Council's Constitution, issue no. 21, subject to the deletion of the proposals set out in paragraphs 2.21 – 2.24 of the report (Questions and Answers at full Council).

27 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

In accordance with Rule 12(1) of the Council Procedure Rules, Members of the Cabinet responded to the following questions:

(1) Councillor B W Butcher asked the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing, Councillor N J Collor:

“Will the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing advise what is being planned to avoid the dreadful traffic chaos that was evident especially around the level crossing during the open golf championships in 2011?”

In response Councillor N J Collor stated that the promoters of the Open, the R&A, along with the Highway and Transport Authorities, DDC, and Sandwich Town Council had recognised that transport conflicts around the level crossing had be dealt with in the context of the wider plan for the event. The agreed solution at the Station was to provide extended platforms and a new footbridge that would enable 12 car High Speed

Trains to use the Station without overhanging the level crossing and disrupting the road access.”

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.5, Councillor B W Butcher exercised his right to ask one supplementary question.

- (2) In the absence of Councillor N Dixon the question was not put to the meeting.
- (3) Councillor M J Ovenden asked the Portfolio Holder for Community Services, Councillor M J Holloway:

“Street drinkers continue to blight Dover’s town centre in particular around Pencester Gardens and Market Square where numbers have increased. Their presence and behaviour threatens and deters shoppers and visitors, undermines businesses and Dover’s image. Can the portfolio holder for Community Services explain to Members what the District Council is doing to deal with this serious problem both in the immediate and longer term.”

In response Councillor M J Holloway stated that the level of street drinking and its impact was unacceptable and the Council was taking measures to address it. Kent Police, with support from the Council, had successfully launched Operation Urban to tackle the issue of street drinking and anti-social behavior and the Council had written to licenced premises and businesses in the area to provide them with advice on how they could assist in respect of this matter. The Council was also looking at expanding its enforcement activity in the future and strengthening the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).

- (4) Councillor D Hannent asked the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Health, Councillor N S Kenton:

“Given the recent publicity concerning the pollution of the marine environment by plastic waste and wider concerns about the environment, can the Cabinet member for the Environment provide some reassurance what this Council is doing to protect the environment?”

In response Councillor N S Kenton stated that the Council would be seeking to develop a green commitment to protect and develop a safe, clean and sustainable environment for current and future generations.

He was intent on achieving a high standard of environmental protection in all service areas, through effective, proactive management and a co-operative effort at all levels, including working in partnership with others. This would be delivered through the development of a new Environmental Policy/Statement drafted by a cross-departmental and cross-party working group and would build on the actions the Council had already taken.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.5, Councillor D Hannent exercised his right to ask one supplementary question.

- (5) Councillor P M Brivio asked the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Homelessness, Councillor P M Beresford:

“Can the Portfolio holder for Housing and Homelessness explain what the "Right To Buy" criteria is regarding the sale of Elderly Persons accommodation?”

In response Councillor P M Beresford stated that Council homes that were particularly suited for occupation by the elderly were excluded from the Right to Buy under paragraph 11 of Schedule 5 to the Housing Act 1985.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.5, Councillor P M Brivio exercised her right to ask one supplementary question.

- (6) Councillor P M Brivio asked the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health, Councillor T J Bartlett:

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health confirm that all employees of contracted services (for example public conveniences) earn the minimum wage and work the statutory hours for a working week?”

In response Councillor T J Bartlett stated that all employers had a legal obligation to comply with the regulations overseen by HM Revenue & Customs concerning the payment of the National Minimum Wage and employee's working hours. These obligations were built into the conditions of any service contract let by the Council including the contract for public convenience cleansing.

- (7) Councillor P Walker asked the Leader of the Council, Councillor K E Morris:

“Will the Leader of the Council please inform us why the Commercial and Residential Investment Project Advisory Groups, set up in February 2017 to make decisions about how to invest the huge amounts of money the council agreed to borrow to finance the purchase of properties, have failed to meet in 18 months, and instead he has allowed these purchases to go through the Executive decision making process?”

In response Councillor K E Morris stated that Project Advisory Groups were not decision making bodies and responsibility for those decisions remained with the Executive. The advisory groups were created to enable the Leader and Portfolio Holders to seek advice as they perceived the need, when considering Executive decisions.

To date the Council had made three significant commercial property purchases which were the B&Q site at Whitfield, the Whitfield Park commercial units and the former Co-op Site. The advisory group's advice was not required for these decisions.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.5, Councillor P Walker exercised his right to ask one supplementary question.

- (8) Councillor J M Heron asked the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Health, Councillor N S Kenton:

“Recently, I and other councillors in Dover have received an increased number of complaints from constituents regarding Veolia’s quality of service; bins are left uncollected, bins are being damaged by Veolia’s staff during collections and a trail of rubbish is being left behind in the streets after collections. Can the Portfolio holder for Environment, Waste and Health confirm what steps will he take to address the concern of our constituents?”

In response Councillor N S Kenton stated that this had not been his experience of Veolia and if Councillor J M Heron could provide him with some examples he would investigate them further.

Officers from the Waste Services team routinely monitored the performance of Veolia against their contract obligations. The data from these inspections was then used to calculate the figures reported in the quarterly performance report, which consistently showed that standards of cleanliness achieved across the District were generally excellent. The Council had not seen any significant change in the numbers of complaints received over recent months.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.5, Councillor J M Heron exercised his right to ask one supplementary question.

- (9) Councillor S F Bannister asked the Leader of the Council, Councillor K E Morris:

“Will the Leader of the Council inform the Council of the make-up and remit of the local "Task Force" supposedly preparing for the exit of the United Kingdom from the European Union and what arrangements are in place for reporting progress to this Council, whose residents and businesses will be most directly affected by Brexit?”

In response Councillor K E Morris referred the questioner to the statements he had made under Leader’s Time.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.5, Councillor S F Bannister exercised his right to ask one supplementary question.

- (10) Councillor M R Eddy asked the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health, Councillor T J Bartlett:

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health inform the Council of the contacts between Dover’s Port Health officers and their counterparts in Calais to ensure that the ferries between the two ports are operating safely and hygienically?”

In response Councillor N S Kenton offered to meet with the questioner if he had any specific concerns. He advised that he had answered questions of a similar nature in January, May and June of this year and that in each case a detailed answer had been provided.

Food Hygiene Legislation and controls required on board vessels are the same in the UK as they are in France. Food Hygiene Inspections were conducted on all ferries commuting between Dover and Calais, by Dover Port Health Officers. Their French equivalents did not conduct food

hygiene inspections on board these vessels. In general the ferries were found to operate to the highest of hygiene standards and the Port Health Officers who physically inspected each vessel, every 6 months, had no concerns regarding hygiene on these vessels.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.5, Councillor M R Eddy exercised his right to ask one supplementary question.

- (11) Councillor P J Hawkins asked the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health, Councillor T J Bartlett:

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health inform the Council of the current situation regarding the refurbishment of Deal Pier and what the implications are for the Council's finances and for Deal's tourist season?”

In response Councillor T J Bartlett stated that the Council had allocated over £0.5m in this year's capital programme to fund refurbishment works at Deal Pier. These included resurfacing of the pier stem, urgent concrete repairs, storm damage repair work, the replacement of the timber seating and the upgrading of the restaurant's water supply and foul sewerage system. In addition, following the closure of the café, defects were also found to the gas supply, which had to be replaced.

Work on these matters was progressing well given the difficult access issues and the multiple contractors involved. The pier surfacing work was complete and the new gas main was currently being installed to tie in with the kitchen fit out work which would be being undertaken by the new tenants. This was a substantial investment by the Council in Deal Pier, which he welcomed as it would provide a welcome boost to the tourism offer in Deal.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.5, Councillor P J Hawkins exercised her right to ask one supplementary question.

- (12) Councillor M R Eddy asked the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing, Councillor N J Collor:

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing inform the Council of the number of times traffic wardens have visited the Mill Hill ward over the last 12 months in order to check on parking violations?”

In response Councillor N J Collor stated that the data was not maintained on a ward level basis. After four hours work it had been established that 29 Penalty Charge Notices had been issued within the Mill Hill Ward over the past 12 months.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.5, Councillor M R Eddy exercised his right to ask one supplementary question.

- (13) Councillor B Gardner asked the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing, Councillor N J Collor:

“Can the portfolio holder for Access and Licensing please give the Council his opinion as to whether or not Stagecoach is providing the

people of this district with the proper standards of service that they should be providing.”

In response Councillor N J Collor stated that Stagecoach was a private commercial company. The majority of its vehicles were enviro 400 standard or better, cleaned on a daily basis and 95% of its services operated on time.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.5, Councillor B Gardner exercised his right to ask one supplementary question.

- (14) Councillor B Gardner asked the Leader of the Council, Councillor K E Morris:

“Will the Leader of the Council write to his Prime Minister to ask her to give councils the right to take back planning permission for sites that developers are refusing to build on and purely land banking instead to help bolster their balance sheet?”

In response Councillor K E Morris stated that the issue of developers not taking up planning permissions, or implementing them slowly, was considered in the Government’s consultation on the review of the National Planning Policy Framework. The new Framework was due imminently and it remained to be seen what policy changes the Government would introduce.

The Government had also commissioned Sir Oliver Letwin to specifically investigate the issues around developers’ build out rates and, in particular, the cause of the gap between housing completions and the amount of land allocated or permissioned. Sir Oliver published his analysis at the end of June. His work identified that speed of build out was determined by the “absorption rate” (the rate at which newly constructed homes could be sold into the local market without materially disturbing the market price) and he suggested some ways in which the absorption rate might be increased.

Councillor K E Morris stated that as he had no reason to disagree with Sir Oliver’s analysis he would not therefore wish to write to the Prime Minister in the terms suggested by the question and would instead wait to see the recommendations made by Sir Oliver.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.5, Councillor B Gardner exercised his right to ask one supplementary question.

- (15) Councillor B Gardner asked the Leader of the Council, Councillor K E Morris:

“Would the Leader of the Council agree that the 5 year land supply figures should be assessed on the average number of houses that the developers have actually built in the district over the last 10 years.”

In response Councillor K E Morris stated that he would not as the question confused the level of housing that had been built with the level of housing that was needed to meet required needs. The Council as a planning and housing authority should be striving to provide for the

housing needs of its current residents and for the needs of the future forecast population rather than measuring itself against an average of past performance. The basis of the question ran counter to National Planning Policy and was not a tenable suggestion.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.5, Councillor B Gardner exercised his right to ask one supplementary question.

- (16) Councillor B Gardner asked the Portfolio Holder for the Built Environment, Councillor J S Back:

“Would the portfolio holder for Built Environment please inform the council as to how many planning Enforcement cases are currently still open.”

In response Councillor N S Kenton, as the relevant portfolio holder, stated that as at the end of Quarter 1 the total number of ongoing live planning enforcement cases was 186. This was being carefully monitored and would be reported every quarter.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.5, Councillor B Gardner exercised his right to ask one supplementary question

28 MOTIONS

Motion 1

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, Councillor M D Conolly moved the Motion of which he had given notice as follows:

“Recognising the initiatives the council are already taking to protect our high streets this council asks the Leader to write to the relevant Minister to request a review of the business rates system to further support our retailers.”

The Motion was duly seconded by Councillor M J Holloway.

Councillor M R Eddy moved an AMENDMENT, duly seconded by Councillor S F Bannister as followed:

“In view of the need to protect our high streets this council asks the Leader to write to the relevant Minister to request a review of the business rates system to further support our retailers.

If this business rate review results in a loss of income to this council, we strongly request that Government increases grants to compensate so that there is no further reduction in levels and qualities of service.”

Councillor M D Conolly, with the consent of his seconder, agreed to accept the addendum to the original Motion as long as the first part was withdrawn. Councillor M R Eddy, with the consent of his seconder, agreed to the offer from Councillor M D Conolly.

On being put to the meeting the SUBSTANTIVE Motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED: Recognising the initiatives the council are already taking to protect our high streets this council asks the Leader to write to the relevant Minister to request a review of the business rates system to further support our retailers.
If this business rate review results in a loss of income to this council, we strongly request that Government increases grants to compensate so that there is no further reduction in levels and qualities of service.

Motion 2

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, Councillor M R Eddy moved the Motion of which he had given notice as follows:

“This council condemns the lack of proper consultation over the academisation of primary schools in the district and demands that the Secretary of State for Education halts the process until a full and proper consultation has been carried out and the results analysed.”

The Motion was duly seconded by Councillor B Gardner.

Councillor T A Bond moved an AMENDMENT, duly seconded by Councillor A Friend as followed:

“This Council is concerned over the academisation of primary schools in the district and asks that the Secretary of the State for Education halts the process until a full and meaningful consultation has been carried out and the results analysed.”

Councillor M R Eddy, with the consent of his seconder, agreed to accept the Amendment.

On being put to the meeting the SUBSTANTIVE Motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED: This Council is concerned over the academisation of primary schools in the district and asks that the Secretary of the State for Education halts the process until a full and meaningful consultation has been carried out and the results analysed.

(Councillor P I Carter declared an Other Significant Interest (OSI) in Minute No. 28 (Motion 2) by reason of his being a governor at a school in Sandwich and withdrew from the meeting for the consideration of that item of business.)

(Councillor G Cowan declared an Other Significant Interest (OSI) in Minute No. 28 (Motion 2) by reason of his being a trustee of a multi-academy trust and withdrew from the meeting for the consideration of that item of business.)

(Councillor D P Murphy declared an Other Significant Interest (OSI) in Minute No. 28 (Motion 2) by reason of his being the Vice-Chairman of Governors at one of the primary schools concerned and withdrew from the meeting for the consideration of that item of business.)

(The Director of Environment and Corporate Assets withdrew from the meeting for the consideration of Minute No. 28 (Motion 2) as he was a Governor of one of the primary schools concerned.)

29 URGENT BUSINESS TIME

There were no items of urgent business for consideration.

The meeting ended at 8.48 pm