

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting HAMPSHIRE ECONOMIC BOARD

Date and Time WEDNESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2011 AT 10.00 AM

Place CHUTE ROOM, ELIZABETH II COURT SOUTH,
WINCHESTER

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AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All Members who believe they have a personal or prejudicial interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting must declare that interest and, having regard to the circumstances described in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the County Council's Code of Conduct, consider whether to leave the meeting whilst the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with paragraph 12 of the Code. The declaration should be made at the time of the relevant debate.

3. **MINUTES**
4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
5. **ACCESS TO FINANCE**

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2010.

To consider a report of the Director of Economic Development highlighting the issue of access to finance for small businesses. It summarises the actions being taken by government and other agencies and investigates what additional measures the County Council could take to help address the issue.

6. **HAMPSHIRE APPRENTICESHIPS UPDATE**

To consider a joint report of the Director of Human Resources and Director of Economic Development providing an update on the County Council's involvement in apprenticeships and exploring the options for the future.

7. **INTERIM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN**

To consider a report of the Director of Economic Development setting out the County Council's interim economic development priorities for 2011/12.

8. **BROADBAND PROJECT:NEXT STEPS**

To consider a report of the Director of Economic Development providing an update on the evolution of this project and the national scene, in order to determine the next steps.

9. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RECOMMENDED:

That in relation to the following item the press and public be excluded from the meeting, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of proceedings, that if a member of the public were present during the item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exempt information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the report.

10. **BROADBAND PROJECT:NEXT STEPS**

To consider an exempt appendix about the Broadband project (agenda item 8 above).

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