

**HASTINGS AND ST LEONARDS FORESHORE CHARITABLE TRUST  
ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING  
7 SEPTEMBER 2011**

Present: Councillors Barlow (in the Chair), Cooke and Kramer.  
Also in attendance Mr Chris May, Protector.

**1. WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR OF THE CHARITY COMMITTEE,  
COUNCILLOR PAUL BARLOW**

Councillor Paul Barlow, Chair of the Charity Committee welcomed members of the public to the first annual public meeting of the Hastings and St Leonards Foreshore Charitable Trust. He explained the requirement to hold an annual public meeting and introduced the members and officers.

**2 TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR  
2010/2011**

The Head of Financial Services had presented a report on the 2010/11 Annual report and Accounts to the Charity Committee meeting immediately prior to this meeting. The Hastings and St Leonards Foreshore Charitable Trust, Trustee's report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2011 were appended to his report. The Council had received an unqualified opinion on the accounts from the external auditor's (Buzzacotts).

The financial position in 2010/11 showed an actual outturn surplus figure of £224,597. In terms of net current assets (effectively the cash position), the balance was £1,777,740 at 31 March 2011, whilst total funds (which included all assets) amounted to £1,991,758.

In respect of the financial position for 2011/12 income was budgeted at £1,058,250 and expenditure at £871,350. The estimated surplus for the year was £186,900. Monitoring of the Trust's position as at the end of July 2011 showed that the trust was on target to generate this level of surplus (figure before grant distribution). The Head of Financial Services concluded that the Trust was in a good financial position going forward and that officers would continue to seek out efficiencies.

The Chair explained that the Annual report and Accounts had to be formally adopted by the Council's Charity Committee.

Mr Chris May, the Protector, explained his role and the reason that he had not been closely involved with the accounts at this stage but that he would be doing so in future. He reported that it was his duty to report any serious concerns about the running of the Charitable Trust to the Charity Commissioners. He had no need to do so because the Charity Committee had correctly undertaken its duties.

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**3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

24 written questions had been submitted. The questions and the written replies were circulated and considered at the meeting (as appended to these minutes, nos. 1 to 24).

Five further questions were asked orally at the meeting and answers given. The questions and written replies are appended to these minutes, nos. 25 to 29.

(The meeting closed at 7.50 pm)