

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2016/17
Decision No.
1884

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 6 February 2017

Portfolio	Streetscene
Subject:	Holly Hill Cemetery Extension
Report of:	Director of Operations
Strategy/Policy:	Corporate Strategy
Corporate Objectives:	

Purpose:

To consider a proposal to meet demand for burial space in the Western Wards.

Holly Hill Cemetery is the only open cemetery serving the Western Wards of the Borough and there are currently no burial plots available. Officers have been investigating opportunities to establish new cemetery provision on land in the vicinity.

Consideration was given to developing a new cemetery on the Coldeast site on the land adjacent to the new Holly Hill Leisure Centre as part of the proposals to provide community infrastructure on the site. However, a feasibility study concluded that it was not cost effective to construct a new cemetery at this location.

A feasibility study has been completed to consider the potential to extend the existing Holly Hill Cemetery. This has concluded that the site is suitable for a cemetery and meets the requirements of the Environment Agency, but would require the removal of some trees and vegetation.

Careful consideration has been given to the design of a cemetery extension which includes retaining the significant trees on the site. The design provides 377 burial plots which are considered sufficient to last for approximately 30 years at the current rate of demand for burials.

To construct the cemetery extension a budget of £300,000 will be required and it will take approximately two years to complete. Further works will be undertaken to provide additional tree planting and landscaping on the cemetery site and land adjacent to the Holly Hill Leisure Centre to mitigate the loss of trees that will need to be removed.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:-

- (a) agrees to the provision of an extension to the Holly Hill Cemetery; and
- (b) approves a budget of £300,000 to construct the cemetery extension.

Reason:

To ensure there is adequate provision of burial plots in the Western Wards of the Borough.

Confirmed as a true record: Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Fareham (Town Centre) Regeneration: Vision for Consultation
Report of:	Director of Planning & Regulation
Strategy/Policy:	Corporate Strategy
Corporate Objectives:	Protect and Enhance the Environment

Purpose:

To consider and approve the Draft Regeneration Vision for Fareham Town Centre (set out in Appendix A) for consultation.

The report briefly outlines the nature of the Council's Draft Regeneration Vision for Fareham Town Centre, which has been produced for public consultation. The Draft Vision outlines how, by working with key partners, the Authority is looking to involve the local community and key parties in improving and redeveloping the Fareham Town Centre to encourage new commercial and residential development into Fareham Town Centre.

The Draft Vision also looks at how the Council could develop land within its ownership to provide a new Cultural and Arts Facility, a replacement multi storey car park, new residential development and appropriate parking to meet future and existing needs of the Borough.

Options Considered:

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor Mrs K K Trott addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees the Draft Regeneration Vision for Fareham Town Centre set out in Appendix A for consultation.

Reason:

To encourage and actively promote the regeneration of Fareham Town Centre, encouraging future investment and funding for its future prosperity.

Confirmed as a true record: Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Welborne Delivery - Purchase of residential property
Report of:	Director of Planning & Regulation
Strategy/Policy:	Fareham Borough Local Plan
Corporate Objectives:	

Purpose:

This report seeks authority to proceed with the purchase of a residential property as part of the delivery strategy for Welborne, in accordance with the principles approved by the Executive on 22 February 2016.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:-

- (a) agrees the terms for the purchase of the residential property, as set out in the confidential Appendix A; and
- (b) delegates authority to the Director of Finance and Resources, following consultation with the Executive Leader, to agree minor amendments to the terms as appropriate.

Reason:

To support the delivery of Welborne, and to avoid hardship for the existing owner.

Confirmed as a true record: Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Monday, 6 February 2017

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans 2017/18
Report of:	Director of Finance & Resources
Strategy/Policy:	
Corporate Objectives:	A Balanced Housing Market

Purpose:

This report seeks Executive approval for the revised budget for 2016/17, the base budgets, rents and fees and charges for 2017/18 and the Capital Programme with its financing for the years 2016/17 to 2020/21.

The Executive recommended and the Council approved, in February 2016, the base budget and rent increase for 2016/17, for Housing Revenue Account (HRA) services.

This report sets out the Housing Revenue revised budget for 2016/17 and base budget for 2017/18 along with the capital programme and financing for the years 2016/17 to 2020/21. The report examines the issues affecting the Housing Revenue Account including rent changes with effect from 3 April 2017.

Council budgets are susceptible to change in the level of expenditure and income caused by factors inside and outside the Council's control. A risk assessment has been carried out to indicate the effect on housing balances of changes in the level of expenditure and income. This can be used to estimate the account balances needed to provide a prudent level of reserves and a working balance.

Options Considered:

The Executive noted an amendment to the Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans 2017/18 that was tabled at the meeting.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees to recommend to Council that:-

- (a) rents be approved for Council Dwellings as set out in paragraph 11 with effect from 03 April 2017;
- (b) rents for Council garages be increased by 6.2% with effect from 03 April 2017;
- (c) discretionary fees and charges be increased with effect from 03 April 2017;
- (d) the revised budget for 2016/17 be approved;
- (e) the base budget for 2017/18 be approved;
- (f) the capital programme and financing for 2016/17 to 2020/21 be approved; and
- (g) annual budgets and assumptions are set with the aim of ensuring sufficient surpluses are held to repay debt on the date of maturity of each loan.

Reason:

To allow the Council to approve the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2017/18.

Confirmed as a true record: Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Monday, 6 February 2017

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2017/18
Report of:	Director of Finance & Resources
Strategy/Policy:	Finance Strategy
Corporate Objectives:	Dynamic, Prudent and Progressive Council

Purpose:

This report seeks final confirmation of the recommendations to Council, on 24 February 2017, in respect of the revenue budget, capital programme and council tax for 2017/18.

On 9 January 2017, the Executive reviewed the Council's overall finance strategy and considered proposals relating to the capital programme, revenue budgets and the council tax for 2017/18. This report updates the Council's budgets to reflect the decisions taken on 9 January 2017. The capital programme for the years 2016/17 to 2020/21 will be £65,686,000.

The revenue budget for 2017/18 will be £8,616,700. With Central Government support and retained business rates estimated to be £2,161,654 and use of collection fund balance of £89,984 this results in the total amount due from the council tax of £6,365,062.

Taking these changes into consideration, the council tax for 2017/18 will be £150.22 per Band D property and would be within the referendum limit set by the Government.

Options Considered:

The Executive noted an amendment to the Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2017/18 that was tabled at the meeting.

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillors S Cunningham and R H Price, JP, addressed the Executive on this item.

Councillor Price put forward a proposal that provision be made in the budget to fund an outreach worker to support the increasing number of rough sleepers in the Town Centre. The Executive Leader indicated that the Health and Housing and Public Protection Policy Development and Review Panels would be the appropriate forum to discuss the need for this resourcing and that if it were considered necessary, provision could be made from within the

existing spending reserve.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves and recommends to the meeting of the Council to be held on 24 February 2017:-

- (a) the capital programme and financing of £63,686,000;
- (b) an overall revised revenue budget for 2016/17 of £8,903,300;
- (c) a revenue budget for 2017/18 of £8,616,700; and
- (d) a council tax for Fareham Borough Council for 2017/18 of £150.22 per band D property, which represents a £5.00 increase when compared to the current year and is within referendum limits.

Reason:

To allow the full Council to approve the Council Tax for 2017/18.

Confirmed as a true record: Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Monday, 6 February 2017

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Solent Airport - Refurbishment of Control Tower/Provision of Corporate Facilities
Report of:	Director of Finance & Resources
Strategy/Policy:	Corporate Strategy
Corporate Objectives:	

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to undertake improvements to the internal element of the Control Tower at Solent Airport Daedalus, and to improve the provision of fuelling facilities.

Options Considered:

Councillor T M Cartwright declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as he is Chairman of the Daedalus Working Group.

Councillor Mrs K Mandry declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as she is a member of the Daedalus Working Group.

Councillor C J Wood declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in respect of this item due to the close proximity of his parent's property to the Daedalus site.

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor C J Wood addressed the Executive on this item.

Councillor T M Cartwright requested that provision be made from these funds for the north end of the Control Tower to be painted white to improve its appearance.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:-

(a) agrees to the inclusion of the following schemes in the 2017/18 capital programme:

- Refurbishment of the control tower at an indicative cost of £333,000; and

- Provision of fuelling equipment and infrastructure at an indicative cost of £250,000;

(b) delegates authority to the Director of Finance and Resources, following consultation with the Executive Leader, to award the contracts for the refurbishment of the control tower, subject to the cost being within the allocated budget.

(c) delegates authority to the Director of Finance and Resources, following consultation with the Deputy Leader, to finalise detailed arrangements for the procurement of fuelling equipment, subject to the cost being within allocated budget; and

(d) agrees that the north end of the building be painted white in order to improve its appearance.

Reason:

To enable the delivery of the Vision for Daedalus to continue.

Confirmed as a true record: Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Portfolio	Executive Leader
Subject:	Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators 2017/18
Report of:	Director of Finance & Resources
Strategy/Policy:	
Corporate Objectives:	

Purpose:

This report considers the draft Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators for 2017/18, prior to its submission to the Council for approval.

Regulations require the Council to prepare and formally approve both an annual Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators. The document for 2017/18 is attached at Appendix A for consideration by the Executive before being submitted to Council for approval.

Main highlights in the Strategy are:

Capital Issues

- (a) The level of capital expenditure estimated for 2017/18 is £30.4 million. We currently estimate that £19.7 million of this will be met by new borrowing.
- (b) There will be an increase in the amount of Council Tax contributing to the cost of capital expenditure, due to new borrowing in 2016/17 and 2017/18.
- (c) The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy statement has been amended to reflect assets that are held for less than 5 years. MRP will not be charged on these assets but the capital receipt generated by the sale of the asset will be used to repay the debt instead.

Treasure Management Issues

- (d) The Council's treasury management advisers changed in 2016 to Arlingclose. The approved counterparty list has been amended to reflect Arlingclose's recommended layout.
- (e) Unsecured bank limits per counterparty have reduced from £6 million to £2 million

and the limit on money market funds has reduced from £6 million to £4 million per fund. This is to reflect the increasing risks and falling returns of the short-term unsecured bank investments.

- (f) Building Society limits have also changed from investments in all building societies with assets in excess of £5 billion to those only meeting the minimum credit rating criteria in the Strategy.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:-

- (a) endorses the draft Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators for 2017/18, attached as Appendix A to this report; and
- (b) submits the report to Council for approval.

Reason:

In accordance with the Code of Practice for Treasury Management in the Public Services and guidance from the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG), the Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators have to be approved by full Council.

Confirmed as a true record: Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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