

2017/18 Decision No. 1985

# **Record of Decision by Executive**

Monday, 8 January 2018

Portfolio Streetscene

Subject: Refuse and Recycling Collection from Service Roads

in Portchester

Report of: Head of Streetscene

Strategy/Policy:

**Corporate** Protect and Enhance the Environment

Objectives:

# Purpose:

To resolve a problem that has arisen with the collection of waste and recycling bins in an area of Portchester.

Currently, refuse bins, recycling bins and garden waste sacks from properties in the area around West Street Portchester, between The Queensway and The Kingsway, are collected from private service roadways to the rear of the properties.

There have been ongoing problems with the refuse collection vehicle (RCV) accessing these narrow roadways. In addition, the surface of the roadways is of poor quality and deteriorating which presents a hazard to the crews collecting the bins and bags. The Transport Manager has undertaken an onsite assessment of the situation and the associated risks and has concluded that the access is not suitable for an RCV.

Residents affected have been consulted about a proposal to collect bins and garden waste sacks from the front of their properties, which is the standard service across the Borough. Residents would have the choice to either store bins in the front garden, or continue with their current storage arrangement and take their bin and garden waste sack from the rear to the front of their property each week for collection.

There have been some objections to the proposal, but the majority (86%) did not respond to the consultation.

# **Options Considered:**

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor R H Price, JP, addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:	

# RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) agrees to cease the collection of bins and garden waste sacks from the private roadways as detailed in the report; and
- (b) agrees the proposal that bins and garden waste sacks from the affected properties be collected from the edge of the public highway at the front of property.

### Reason:

To alleviate the risks associated with the RCV accessing the roadways and the risk of injury to the crews as a result of the poor-quality surface.

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

# FAREHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

2017/18 Decision No. 1986

# **Record of Decision by Executive**

Monday, 8 January 2018

**Portfolio** Health and Public Protection

Subject: Air Quality and Traffic Modelling

**Report of:** Director of Planning & Regulation

Strategy/Policy:

Corporate A Safe and Healthy Place to Live and Work; Protect and

**Objectives:** Enhance the Environment

# Purpose:

To agree the works required to meet the requirements of the compliance Directive which was issued to the Council by the Department for the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) on 27 July 2017 up to the production but not submission of the Final Plan (31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 at the latest).

In November 2016, the non-profit environmental law organisation ClientEarth won a Supreme Court ruling against the Government which ordered ministers to come up with a plan to bring down air pollution levels to within legal limits as soon as possible.

The latest plan was published in July 2017 and Fareham Borough Council was highlighted as one of the Authorities that must produce a targeted local plan to tackle likely exceedances of Nitrogen dioxide levels.

This relates to an area of road from the M27 motorway Junction 11 to the A27 Market Quay 'through-about' and along the A27 to the Station roundabout and branching into the Portchester Road and into the A32. To that end, on 27 July 2017 the Department for the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) issued a Compliance Directive on Fareham Borough Council, along with the other Authorities that were listed. This Directive requires the Authority to undertake and submit by 31 March 2018 a Feasibility Study (Initial Plan) to identify the option which will deliver compliance with legal limits. The Authority must also submit a Final Plan by 31 December 2018 which must identify the preferred option to deliver compliance.

The Government is funding this work. The Joint Air Quality Unit (JAQU) which is a Government unit consisting of staff from DEFRA and the Department for Transport (DfT) are closely monitoring progress on compliance with the Directive. They have produced detailed guidance on the work that must be undertaken and are requiring approval at each stage. A report was taken to the Executive on 9 October 2017 – to provide an update on the National and Local Air Quality Action Plans. In addition, a report was taken to the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection on 1 November 2017 in order to approve the procurement of an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Survey to meet the initial requirement of the Air Quality Compliance Notice.

In order to meet the Feasibility Study requirements, significant air quality and traffic modelling consultancy must be procured and undertaken, all of which will be agreed beforehand by JAQU and funded by them.

In order to meet the Council's procurement regulations and the project's tight timelines, the most expedient way of doing this to ensure that there are no delays is to give the Director of Planning and Regulation the Delegated Authority to do this, in consultation with the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection.

In addition, at the time of writing, it has become apparent that the Initial Plan which must be delivered by the end of March 2108 also does not fit easily with report lead in times and as this is really only determining which measures go forward for further examination, based on recommendations by all of the experts involved and subject to the requirement for further JAQU funding, it would aid this project immensely if the Director of Planning and Regulation could be given Delegated Authority to submit this plan to JAQU, following consultation with the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection.

# **Options Considered:**

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor R H Price, JP, addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

### Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) delegates authority to the Director of Planning and Regulation following consultation with the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection to agree that Hampshire County Council procure the services required for the next stage up to and including the Initial Plan submission and preparation of the Final Plan, as specified by the Joint Air Quality Unit (JAQU); and
- (b) approves the expenditure in relation to (a) above from grant funding provided by JAQU for this work, together with any subsequent unforeseen works agreed and funded by them as necessary.

### Reason:

The Council is required to follow the process set down by JAQU in order to meet the requirements of the Compliance Directive. This will require procuring significant expertise, all of which will be funded by JAQU and the Delegated Authority is required to comply with the Council's Financial Regulations for the spend.

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

# FAREHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

2017/18 Decision No. 1987

# **Record of Decision by Executive**

Monday, 8 January 2018

**Portfolio** Health and Public Protection

Subject: Response to Government Consultation on proposals

for changes to Gaming Machines and Social

Responsibility measures

**Report of:** Director of Planning & Regulation

Strategy/Policy:

Corporate A Safe and Healthy Place to Live and Work

**Objectives:** 

# Purpose:

To seek approval for the Council's consultation response in relation to the Government Consultation on proposals for changes to Gaming Machines and social responsibility measures.

The Gambling Act 2005 was established in October 2005 and came into force in stages up to 1 September 2007. The Act established the Gambling Commission as the Independent regulator of operators and made provision for Local Authorities to regulate gambling premises. The Act has now been in force for 10 years and in that time, there have been significant changes to the gambling market and the understanding of harm across the gambling landscape has become better understood.

The Government is consulting on proposed changes in order to look across the industry and determine what changes, if any, are needed to strike the right balance between socially responsible growth and the protection of consumers and the communities they live in, At its meeting of 28 November 2017, the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee recommended a draft response to the consultation to the Executive for approval, this is attached as Appendix A to this report.

# **Options Considered:**

As recommendation.

## Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

(a) agrees the draft response to the consultation as set out in Appendix A to the report; and

(b) subject to the inclusion of the comments made by the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee, as per item 7 of the agenda, approves the response as the Council's formal response to the Government consultation.

# Reason:

In order to influence the Government to help ensure any changes to the legislation better protects the residents of Fareham from the harmful effects that gambling can have.

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

# FAREHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

2017/18 Decision No. 1988

# **Record of Decision by Executive**

Monday, 8 January 2018

Portfolio Planning and Development

Subject: Proposed changes to Portchester Village Centre Car

**Parks** 

**Report of:** Director of Planning & Regulation

Strategy/Policy:

**Corporate** A Safe and Healthy Place to Live and Work; Maintain and

**Objectives:** Extend Prosperity; Strong and Inclusive Communities

# Purpose:

To consider and approve the statutory advertisement of the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and approve the alterations to the physical layouts of the car parks in Portchester Village Centre, in line with the Final Vision for Portchester Village Centre.

Following the termination of the Hampshire County Council Traffic Management Agency Agreement earlier this year, the Scheme of delegation to Individual Executive Members was amended in May 2017 and removed the TRO approval function. It is therefore now necessary for the Executive to initially consider the implementation of TROs in relation to changes to off-street parking restrictions.

The report outlines proposed changes to the Portchester Village Centre car park restrictions and seeks permission to undertake the statutory public advertising of the changes to the existing TRO at an appropriate time, so as to not compromise the two-year period between advertisement and completion.

The report also highlights the expected costs of undertaking the proposed changes to the parking restrictions and physical layouts. The design of the alterations is based on the parking survey results, consultation responses from the Draft Regeneration Vision for Portchester Village Centre and the proposals detailed in the subsequent Final Vision for Portchester Village Centre.

# **Options Considered:**

As recommendation.

### **Decision:**

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to allow a further report to be presented to the Executive to include a retail study on Portchester District Centre detailing the totality of environmental improvements and proposed car park changes

# Reason:

To undertake changes to the Portchester Village car parks by seeking the views of the public regarding the proposed changes to the car parking regulations, and change the layout to better suit the needs of the users, supporting the regeneration of Portchester Village Centre and encouraging investment and funding for its future prosperity as outlined in the Final Vision for Portchester Village Centre.

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

# FAREHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

2017/18 Decision No. 1989

# **Record of Decision by Executive**

Monday, 8 January 2018

Portfolio Policy & Resources

Subject: Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue

**Budget and Council Tax 2018/19** 

**Report of:** Director of Finance & Resources

**Strategy/Policy:** Finance Strategy

Corporate Dynamic, Prudent and Progressive Council

**Objectives:** 

# Purpose:

This report updates the Council's finance strategy and makes recommendations regarding the capital programme, the revised revenue budget for 2017/18, the fees and charges and the revenue budget for 2018/19.

The report gives the Executive the opportunity to consider the Council's Medium Term Finance Strategy, capital programme, revised service budget for 2017/18, fees and charges for 2018/19 and proposed service budgets for 2018/19.

# Capital Programme and Resources 2017/18 to 2021/22

The revised capital programme amounts to £52,776,000, and there are capital resources totalling £54,533,000 over the programme period. Whilst a surplus of capital resources exists, there are likely to be emerging spending requirements that require new resources to be accumulated now so that the Council can meet its future commitments.

# Revised General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18

The revised general fund revenue budget for 2017/18 amounts to £12,026,500 for service budgets with other budgets totalling -£3,409,800 giving an overall position of £8,616,700 which shows no change from the base budget for 2017/18.

# General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19

The proposed general fund budget for 2018/19 totals £10,701,200 for service budgets along with -£2,226,700 for other budgets giving an overall position of £8,440,500 which is a reduction of £176,200 against the original budget for 2017/18.

# **Options Considered:**

As recommendation.

### **Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the Medium Term Finance Strategy for the period 2017/18 to 2021/22 as set out at Appendix A to the report;
- (b) agrees to submit the updated Pay Policy, annexed to the Medium Term Finance Strategy at Annex C, to Council for approval;
- (c) approves the capital programme for the period 2017/18 to 2021/22, amounting to £52,776,000 as set out at Appendix B to the report;
- (d) approves the proposed fees and charges for 2018/19, as set out in Appendix C to the report;
- (e) approves the revised 2017/18 general fund budget, amounting to £8,616,700; and
- (f) approves the base 2018/19 general fund revenue budget amounting to £8,440,500.

### Reason:

The Council has a co-ordinated strategic, service and financial planning process and this report brings together the spending plans for the Council's services for 2018/19 and will allow the Council to approve the capital programme, general fund revised revenue budget for 2017/18, fees and charges for 2018/19 and draft revenue budget for 2018/19.

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



2017/18 Decision No. 1990

# **Record of Decision by Executive**

Monday, 8 January 2018

Streetscene

**Portfolio** 

Subject:	Review of Hedge Cutting Contract					
Report of:	Head of Streetscene					
Strategy/Policy:	Procurement Strategy					
Corporate Objectives:	Protect and Enhance the Environment					
Purpose:						
Options Considered: As recommendation.						
<b>Decision:</b> RESOLVED that the Executive approves the recommendations as outlined in the report.						
Reason:						
Confirmed as a true re	ecord: Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)					
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