

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2022/23
Decision No.
2438

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 15 May 2023

Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Draft Empty Homes Strategy
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Providing housing choices

Purpose:

To seek approval of the draft Empty Homes Strategy for a minimum six-week period of public consultation.

The draft Empty Homes Strategy provides an overview of the amount and type of empty homes in the Borough, together with two objectives relating to the Council's potential approach to empty properties. The draft Strategy acknowledges the detrimental issues that can arise with a small number of empty homes and articulates the importance of proportionate and appropriate action in addressing the issue.

Options Considered:

As recommendation

Decision:

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the draft Empty Homes Strategy (as provided in Appendix A to the report, be published for a minimum six-week period of public consultation; and
- (b) the Head of Housing Delivery be authorised to make any necessary minor amendments to the draft Empty Homes Strategy, prior to publication, provided these do not change the overall direction or emphasis and following consultation with the Executive Member for Housing.

Reason:

To undergo a period of public consultation as part of the ongoing progression of the draft Empty Homes Strategy towards adoption.

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Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Crossfell Walk Development Update
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Providing housing choices

Purpose:

To provide an update in relation to the Crossfell Walk project; In light of rising project costs and complexities, this development will no longer be pursued.

Approval will be sought for the funding mechanisms originally outlined for the development to be allocated to affordable housing elsewhere in the borough.

The report updates the Executive on the decision to no longer pursue the redevelopment at Crossfell Walk. This project involved the demolition of the two flyover flats at Nos, 15 and 17 Crossfell Walk, replacing them with one 3 bed home.

The redevelopment was originally presented to the Executive Member for Housing for approval in June 2020. Approval was sought to use the Capital Receipt from the sale of two HRA properties for this project. This report seeks approval for the Capital Funding to now be allocated towards other affordable housing developments in the borough.

Options Considered:
As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves the use of the Capital Receipt to fund capital improvements to, or further delivery of, affordable housing in the borough.

Reason:

To ensure the funding mechanisms previously designated for the Crossfell Walk project can continue to be allocated towards Council owned affordable housing in the borough.

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Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Housing Stock Condition Survey
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Providing housing choices

Purpose:

To seek agreement for the appointment of consultants to undertake a stock condition survey of the Council's Housing stock over a five- year period, beginning in 2023/24.

The recommended appointment will allow a stock condition survey to be undertaken on the Council's housing property portfolio. It is proposed that this work be undertaken by Rand Associates.

This work is in the interest of understanding any issues with the properties, and to inform future planned maintenance programmes.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the authority be delegated to the Head of Housing Delivery, following consultation with the Executive Member for Housing, to appoint Rand Associates to undertake a Stock Condition Survey of the Council's housing assets. This work to take place over a five-year period from 2023/24 to 2027/28.

Reason:

This work is in the interest of understanding any issues with properties, and to inform future planned maintenance programmes.

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Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Cams Alders Vision - Conclusion
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for health and fun; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

To inform the Executive of the outcome of the Vision for Cams Alders Recreation Ground.

Cams Alders Recreation Ground is situated in South Fareham and is one of the largest open space areas for formal outdoor sport in the Council's ownership. The site is approximately 14 hectares with sport pitches and a mix of build facilities.

In 2014 the Executive approved the establishment of a steering group to develop a vision for new and improved community sports facilities and enhancements to the public open space at Cams Alders Recreation Ground.

Following the completion of a feasibility study and consultation with user groups and the Public, the Working Group drafted a proposal to construct new sports facilities to meet the needs of the sports clubs and the local community.

The proposal was based on the pooling of £1.76 million that the Council held in Section 106 developers' contributions for outdoor sports and recreation alongside the sports clubs applying for other funding from external bodies.

Despite many revisions of the proposals and significant time spent over the past 9 years to identify a Vision that would meet the requirements of the sports clubs and the Council, the Council's vision for improving the community sports facilities have not been able to align with the on-site sports clubs, concluding that the Cams Alders Vision is no longer a viable project.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) notes the contents of the report and agrees to conclude the Vision for Cams Alders;
- (b) agrees to divert £1.75million of the Section 106 developers' contributions held for outdoor sports and recreation to help fund the Vision for Henry Cort Fareham North-West; and
- (c) agrees to allocate £100,000 of the Section 106 developers' contributions for outdoor sports and recreation to fund the repairs to the roof and masonry of the Cams Alders Pavillion.

Reason:

To inform the Executive of the outcome of the Vision for Cams Alders Recreation Ground.

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Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Hampshire Cultural Trust
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for health and fun

Purpose:

To consider a request by Hampshire Cultural Trust for a variation to the current management agreement held with Fareham Borough Council in respect of Westbury Manor Museum.

In June 2016, the Executive approved a new 10-year management agreement (2017-2027) for the lease of Westbury Manor to Hampshire Cultural Trust for the provision of a museum service.

The agreement included investment of £448,000 by the Council towards the refurbishment of Westbury Manor Museum to improve its condition, amenities and the overall visitor experience. In exchange for the capital investment, the contribution previously made by the Council towards the cost of operating the Museum ended and Hampshire Cultural Trust agreed to operate the Museum without any ongoing financial contribution from the Council.

In response to the impact of Covid and the current economic climate, Hampshire Cultural Trust have undertaken a review of all 24 venues that it manages across Hampshire, with focus on the venues for which no local authority funding is received.

This has resulted in a request for a variation to the management agreement.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

It is recommended that the Executive agrees that there is no variation to the management agreement.

Reason:

To inform the Executive of the request that Hampshire Cultural Trust has made.

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Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Self Build and Custom Build SPD for consultation
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Providing housing choices

Purpose:

To seek approval to consult on the draft Self and Custom Build Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – setting out the Council's approach to planning for and supporting the delivery of self and custom build homes in the Borough.

Self and custom build housing encompasses a wide spectrum of projects from an individual physically designing and building their own home to developer/enablers custom-building homes to individuals' specifications.

The Council has a duty to grant suitable development permission for enough serviced plots of land to match demand on their self-build and custom build register. The adopted Fareham Local Plan 2037 provides policy to support the delivery of self and custom build homes.

The draft Self and Custom Build Housing SPD has been produced to provide guidance and advice to the local planning authority, developers, landowners, aspiring self and custom builders and the community, to enable the delivery of self-build and custom homes through successful planning applications.

The report provides a draft of the Self and Custom Build Housing SPD and seeks approval to progress the draft document to statutory public consultation. It is the intention to consult over a six-week period from Friday 27 May 2023 following which the approval to adopt the SPD will be sought.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the Draft Self and Custom Build Supplementary Planning Document, as set out at Appendix A to the report, for public consultation; and
- (b) delegates authority to the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Development, to make any minor amendments to the document following consideration by the Executive, prior to the consultation.

Reason:

To consult on a Self and Custom build Housing SPD which sets out the approach to self and custom housebuilding in the Borough.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Vehicle Replacement Programme
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Protect and enhance the environment

Purpose:

The report sets out the findings from a review of the Council's Vehicle Replacement Programme (VRP) and presents a proposed rolling replacement programme for the next 5-years. The purpose of the programme is to move to a modern fleet of commercial vehicles to ensure that the Council has a resilient, efficient and cost

effective fleet.

The report sets out a proposed rolling 5-year vehicle replacement programme for the whole vehicle fleet. The programme aims to move to a modern fleet of commercial vehicles in a considered way, ensuring that the fleet remains resilient, efficient and cost effective.

The Council currently has a fleet of 117 vehicles which provide a wide range of services. The Council's fleet is relatively old when compared to other Council fleets. This can present resilience and cost issues as older vehicles are more likely to have mechanical issues and larger amounts of downtime.

Adopting an invest to save approach, the proposed 5-year rolling programme aims to lower the overall age of the fleet. This should help to reduce these costs and ensure service resilience as newer vehicles would be less likely to have major issues.

A programme would also aid the Council with the procurement of vehicles as lead times have seen a significant increase in the past 12 months meaning that forward planning is essential for service resilience.

It is recommended that over the next 5-years a total of 57 vehicles; the replacements would be 41 used diesel vehicles and 16 electric vehicles. The replacement vehiv

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves:

- (a) the use of a proposed rolling vehicle replacement programme for the next 5-years;
- (b) that the replacement programme, alongside the level of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) use, be updated on a rolling basis each autumn to inform budget setting for the following year and the Medium-Term Financial Strategy;
- (c) an increased general fund capital budget of £584,000 funded from capital reserves, for 2023/24 for the purchase of 11 vehicles (excluding Solent Airport vehicles);
- (d) an increased Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital budget of £94,200 funded from capital reserves for 2023/24 for the purchase of three vehicles; and
- (e) the installation of upgraded electric vehicle infrastructure at the Broadcut Depot site at an estimated cost of £50,000.

Reason:

To ensure the Council is in control of its vehicle expenditure and has a modern fleet of commercial vehicles which remain resilient, efficient and meet service delivery.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Draft Corporate Strategy 2023-2029
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	(All Corporate Priorities)

Purpose:

The Council's current Corporate Strategy covers the period 2017-2023, so work has been undertaken to prepare a new draft Corporate Strategy. This report summarises how the draft Strategy has been developed and highlights some of the key content revisions.

The Council's Corporate Strategy sets out our Vision and Priorities for the Borough.

It is a key document which influences our medium-term budget planning, day -to-day service delivery and the large-scale projects that we will undertake in the future.

Work has been undertaken to prepare a new draft Corporate Strategy for the next six years, 2023-2029.

The new Strategy has been developed considering: the achievements of the last Strategy; the changing demographics of the Borough; feedback from Council officers and senior managers and engagement with the Chief Executive's Management Team (CXMT) and Executive Members.

The draft Corporate Strategy is included at Appendix A to the report. If approved, it will undergo a period of public consultation. The draft Strategy and any amendments would then be presented to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel later this year before being returned to the Executive.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves the draft Corporate Strategy to be circulated for public consultation.

Reason:

The Council's current Corporate Strategy expires at the end of 2023, so a new Strategy must be developed.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Sale of Development Land at Faraday Business Park (South)
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Maintain and extend prosperity

Purpose:

As outlined in the confidential report.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees the recommendation as stated in the report.

Reason:

As detailed in the confidential report.

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Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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