

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2023/24
Decision No.
2500

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 8 January 2024

Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Emergency and Temporary Accommodation Pressure
Report of:	Director of Housing
Corporate Priority:	Provides Housing Choices

Purpose:

To seek Executive approval for additional capital budget to be made available to the Capital Programme for the purpose of acquisitions or other forms of provision that will provide emergency and temporary accommodation opportunities.

The provision of emergency and temporary accommodation is a statutory function of the authority. Costs of providing this are primarily met through the General Fund. The overall expenditure on this by the Council has increased dramatically in recent years. This is reflective of similar trends experiences at other district and unitary authorities.

To mitigate this unsustainable and rising cost it is proposed that further capital budget is made available to allow for property acquisitions or long lease arrangements which will provide a more cost-effective solution. Council provided accommodation in the Borough will often also be better for our customers, decreasing the reliance on B&B use outside of the Borough, and providing accommodation with access to cooking and laundry facilities.

Options Considered:

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor Mrs C Bainbridge addressed the Executive on this item.

During the discussion on this item, Councillor Mrs S Walker requested that thanks be placed on record to the Director of Housing and the Teams involved.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) agrees an increase in capital budget, to purchase or directly provide further emergency accommodation, to a level of expenditure as set out in Confidential Appendix A to the report; and
- (b) delegates authority to the Director of Housing, following consultation with the Executive Member for Housing, to agree the final acquisition cost, terms of purchase and/or long lease arrangements (subject to the purchase being within affordable levels), of any suitable property or properties identified.

Reason:

To enable the Council to pursue, in a timely manner, appropriate opportunities for new emergency housing provision directly by the Council.

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Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	D-Day 80 Event
Report of:	Assistant Director (Democracy) & Deputy Monitoring Officer
Corporate Priority:	Leisure Opportunities for Wellbeing and Fun

Purpose:

To consider proposals for the Council to support an event to recognise the 80th Anniversary of D-Day at Solent Airport @ Daedalus.

6th June 2024 is the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy that led to the liberation of France and Europe. In 2019, the Council commemorated the 75th Anniversary with a well-received community event held at Solent Airport @ Daedalus and, consequently, the Executive are invited to consider whether it wishes to recognise the 80th Anniversary next year.

The report considers the options available, including the potential for a similar event to be staged and an approach has been received by an external events company to run this.

Recognising the significant milestone events also taking place during 2024, including a full local election, completion and launch of Fareham Live, 50th Borough Anniversary events, the finite officer capacity for these exceptional events alongside the annual programme of activities, and taking account of lessons learned from previous events, it is proposed to invite an events management company to organise a community event at Daedalus, alongside a simultaneous fly-in event at Solent Airport.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) to appoint Montserrat Events Community Interest Company to organise an event, under licence, to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day in June 2024 non-airside at Daedalus, subject to financial approvals and subject to agreement of detailed terms and conditions;
- (b) subject to approval of (a), to delegate authority to the Assistant Director (Democracy), following consultation with the Executive Member for Leisure and Community to agree Heads of Terms and conditions for the Licence agreement; and
- (c) to request a simultaneous fly-in event at Solent Airport, organised by the Council's Airport Operator.

Reason:

To enable an event to recognise the 80th Anniversary of D-Day to take place at Daedalus.

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2502

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Fees and Charges 2024/25
Report of:	Assistant Director (Finance & ICT) & Section 151 Officer
Corporate Priority:	Responsive, Inclusive and Innovative Council

Purpose:

The report provides an update and proposals for the Council's fees and charges for the financial year 2024/25.

The report gives the Executive the opportunity to consider the Council's fees and charges for 2024/25 including approving increases in existing charges and considering new charges where applicable.

Options Considered:

Councillor Miss J Burton declared a disclosable Pecuniary Interest for this item as she is a community user of the facility at Daedalus. Councillor Burton remained present for the rest of this item but left the room when recommendation (c) was considered. She took no part in the discussion or decision for recommendation 10(1)(c).

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the fees and charges for 2024/25 as set out at Appendix A to the report;
- (b) notes the fees and charges that will be reviewed by the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee and the Planning Committee;
- (c) notes the Solent Airport Daedalus charges at Appendix B to the report;
- (d) approves the increase for the Trade Waste fees and charges as set out at the confidential Appendix C to the report;

(e) gives delegated authority to the Head of Streetscene to agree concessions to the Trade Waste charges at Appendix C to win business that will be of benefit to the Council; and

(f) notes the other fees and charges at Appendix C.

Reason:

The proposed fees and charges will continue to support delivery of the Council's services and contribute to the budgets setting process for 2024/25

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Finance Strategy, Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2024/25
Report of:	Assistant Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Responsive, Inclusive and Innovative Council

Purpose:

The report gives the Executive the opportunity to consider the Council's 5-year financial forecasts as set out in the Medium-Term Finance Strategy (MTFS), revised service budgets for 2023/24 and proposed service budgets for 2024/25.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

Financial Forecasts (MTFS)

- (a) approves the Medium-Term Finance Strategy for the period 2023/24 to 2027/28 as set out at Appendix C to the report;
- (b) agrees to submit the updated Pay Policy, annexed to the Medium-Term Finance Strategy in Appendix C at Annex 2, to Full council for approval;

Revenue Budgets

- (c) approves the revised 2023/24 general fund revenue budget, amounting to £12,376,100 as set out in Appendices A and B to the report; and
- (d) approves the base 2024/25 general fund revenue budget amounting to £13,065,600, as set out in Appendices A and B to the report.

Reason:

The proposed budgets and capital programme will continue to support delivery of the Council's services and corporate priorities whilst taking account of the continuing financial pressures.

The Medium-Term Finance Strategy forecasts a significant funding shortfall by 2026/27 which cannot be covered by the Council's general reserves, so supports the continued action being taken to identify opportunities to reduce costs or increase income.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Capital Programme and Capital Strategy 2024/25
Report of:	Assistant Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Responsive, Inclusive and Innovative Council

Purpose:

The report considers the Capital Strategy for 2024/25, prior to its submission to the Council for approval.

Regulations require the Council to prepare and formally approve a Capital Strategy. The document for 2024/25 is attached as Appendix A to the report for consideration by the Executive before being submitted to Council for approval.

The Capital Strategy gives a high-level overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing, asset management and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of services along with an overview of how associated risk is managed and the implications for future financial sustainability.

The main highlights in the Capital Strategy are:

- i) The level of capital expenditure for 2024/25 is £16.4 million. The current estimate is that £1.3 million of this will be met by new borrowing.
- ii) A new policy of capitalising officer salary costs that are directly attributable to capital schemes will be considered as part of the total project costs.
- iii) A high-level review of future funding requirements has identified a capital funding requirement of £229 million.
- iv) The Council's investment property portfolio has an estimate value of £70 million.

A separate report proposing the treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy for 2023/24 will be presented at the February meeting of the Executive.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) endorses the draft Capital Strategy for 2024/25, attached as Appendix A to the report;
- (b) approves the capital programme for the period 2023/24 to 2027/28, amounting to £82.3 million as set out in Annex 1 of the Capital Strategy; and
- (c) agrees to submit the Capital Strategy for 2024/25 to Council for approval.

Reason:

To allow the Council to approve the Capital Strategy in accordance with the Prudential Code.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Fareham Town Centre Draft Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Promote Economic Development; Provides Housing Choices

Purpose:

To consider the outcome of engagement with residents, businesses and visitors on their views and ideas about the future of Fareham Town Centre and to endorse the proposed programme for the development of the Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan.

The Council's Corporate Strategy 2023-2029 includes a clear commitment to the regeneration of Fareham Town Centre. The Town Centre Member Working Group has developed a programme for the development of the Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan by Summer 2024. Specialist advice and expertise has been commissioned to support the development of the strategy and initial community engagement has been undertaken. The results of this community engagement, set out in Appendix A to the report, will inform the identification of options and initiatives in the New Year.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) notes the outcome of the Council's engagement with residents, businesses and visitors on the future of Fareham Town Centre; and
- (b) endorses the "Four Pillars" and Strategic Objectives that have been established to inform and guide the Fareham Town Centre Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan as it is developed through the first half of 2024.

Reason:

To produce a Fareham Town Centre Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan in line with the Corporate Strategy and to inform the next steps for the Council following the acquisition of Fareham Shopping Centre.

To attract investment, guide new development and public spaces and ensure that the town centre meets changing needs.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Purchase of Strategic Land at Faraday Business Park (South)
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Promote Economic Development; Responsive, Inclusive and Innovative Council

Purpose:

The report seeks Executive approval to purchase additional land at Daedalus. The report further requests that delegated authority be given to the Director of Planning and Regeneration to complete the transaction should the terms change.

Further information is detailed in the confidential report.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the purchase of the land; and
- (b) delegates the agreement of final financial terms, up to the sum detailed in the recommendation to the report (plus overage provisions), to the Director of Planning and Regeneration following consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources

Reason:

As detailed in the confidential report.

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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:	Promote Economic Development; Responsive, Inclusive and Innovative Council

Purpose:

The report seeks Executive approval to award a contract for infrastructure works required to support an approved plot sale at Faraday Business Park (South).

Further information is as detailed in the confidential report.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive gives delegated authority to the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, to award a contract as detailed in the report and up to a value as detailed in the recommendation once the final terms are understood.

Reason:

The timescales associated with delivering the infrastructure is the reason for seeking Executive approval with a delegated authority. Ordinarily Officers would have completed the tender process prior to seeking Executive approval. However, a contract will need to be awarded shortly after tenders are received. The requirement to award the contract was implicit in the Executive approval to proceed with the transaction. This supplementary approval seeks to remove any ambiguity attached to the Executive report of 15 May 2023.

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