

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA

HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

SCRUTINY PANEL

Date: Wednesday, 27 March 2024

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Members:

Councillor M J Ford, JP (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs P M Bryant (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs T L Ellis
Miss T G Harper
Mrs J Needham
Ms S Pankhurst
Mrs K K Trott

Deputies: N R Gregory
D J Hamilton
S Ingram



1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel held on 24 January 2024.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest and Disclosures or Advice or Directions

To receive any declarations of interest from members in accordance with Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct and disclosures of advice or directions received from Group Leaders or Political Groups, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been lodged.

6. Police and Crime Commissioner update on local police matters (Pages 9 - 10)

The Panel will receive an update from the Police and Crime Commissioner on local police matters.

7. Executive Business (Pages 11 - 12)

To consider any items of business dealt with by the Executive, since the last meeting of the Panel, that fall under the remit of the Health and Public Protection Portfolio. This will include any decisions taken by individual Members during the same time period.

(1) Air Quality Update and Review of the Gosport Road and Portland Street Air Quality Management Areas (Pages 13 - 14)

(2) Petition regarding car parking at Middle Road car park, Park Gate (Pages 15 - 16)

8. Review of Implementation of car parking charges at coastal car parks (Pages 17 - 18)

The Panel will receive a presentation which will update Members on the introduction of car parking charges at coastal car parks.

9. Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel Priorities

To provide an opportunity for Members to consider the scrutiny priorities for the Health and Public Protection Panel.



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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 24 January 2024

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor M J Ford, JP (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs P M Bryant (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs T L Ellis, Miss T G Harper, Mrs J Needham,
Ms S Pankhurst and Mrs K K Trott

Also Present: Councillor I Bastable, ward member for Park Gate (for item 7)
and Miss J Burton, Executive Member for Health & Public
Protection (for item 8)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel held on 03 October 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OR ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

A deputation was received in respect of item 7 on the agenda from Claire Powell, the Lead Petitioner of the petition requesting that parking at Middle Road car park, Park Gate be extended to 3 hours.

6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

(1) Proposed Off Street Parking Places (Amendment 8) Order - Osborn Road and Others

There were no questions or comments for clarification in respect of this item.

(2) Traffic Regulation Order (Amendment 8) - Consideration of consultation responses

There were no questions or comments for clarification in respect of this item.

7. PETITION - MIDDLE ROAD, PARK GATE CAR PARK

The Panel considered a report by the Head of Environmental Health in respect of a petition received requesting that the 2-hour maximum stay at Middle Road car park, Park Gate be extended.

A deputation was received in respect of this item from the Lead Petitioner, Claire Powell.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor I J Bastable, ward member for Park Gate, addressed the Panel on this item.

In considering this item the Panel felt that too big an increase in the length of the maximum stay in the car park would encourage parking by people working in the District Centre and people parking and travelling on elsewhere to work.

This would create over demand for parking spaces and have an impact on businesses that rely on a quick customer turnaround such as the convenience stores, bakery and card shop.

The Panel recognised however that some of the businesses in the District Centre such as the hairdressers, the estate agent and the funeral parlour deliver services that create a genuine need for their customers to park for longer than 2 hours. Members therefore felt that the increase in maximum stay to 3 hours would strike a balance between the different needs of the businesses and would not be long enough to create over occupancy in the car park.

RESOLVED that the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel recommends to the Executive that the maximum stay in Middle Road car park be increased from 2 hours to 3 hours.

8. UPDATE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY SAFETY & CCTV SERVICES

The Panel received a report by the Head of Environmental Health which provided an update for members on the provision of community safety and CCTV services following the dissolution of the Fareham & Gosport CCTV Partnership in 2021.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Miss J Burton, Executive Member for Health and Public Protection addressed the Panel on this item.

Members discussed how arrangements or requests to deploy a mobile camera in a particular area can be made. Officers explained that each case is assessed on its own merit but that all requests for deployment must be data led and evidence based in order to comply with GDPR rules. The importance of reporting incidents of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity to the police was highlighted and members were encouraged to communicate this message to residents wherever possible to help support requests for camera deployment.

RESOLVED that the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the report.

9. AIR QUALITY UPDATE

The Panel received a report by the Head of Environmental Health which provided members with an air quality update and a review of Gosport Road and Portland Street Air Quality Management.

The Panel discussed how, with the Air Quality Management areas being revoked, the Council will be aware if air quality objectives for different pollutants are unlikely to be achieved. Members were advised that there will still be monitoring tubes around the Borough which will measure levels of pollutants. Members of the public with concerns about excessive levels in a particular area can also request that monitoring take place. Going forward, the Council will also be required to implement an Air Quality Strategy next year

which will cover in detail how the Council will manage Air Quality across the Borough

RESOLVED that the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel recommends to the Executive that the two AQMA's be revoked by approving the Order as Scheduled at Appendix A to the draft report to be considered by the Executive at the meeting scheduled to take place on 04 March 2024.

10. HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

Members discussed the scrutiny priorities for the Panel.

In discussing the priorities it was agreed that the invitation to the Police and Crime Commissioner to attend a future meeting of the panel to report on current issues would be followed up to ascertain whether she would attend the meeting of the Panel scheduled to take place on 27 March 2024.

RESOLVED that the scrutiny priorities for the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel were reviewed.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 6.59 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Presentation to Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

Date: 27 March 2024

Report of: Director of Neighbourhoods

Subject: Police and Crime Commissioner Update

SUMMARY

The Police and Crime Commissioner has been invited to attend the Panel to update Members on Local Police Matters.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members make any comments or raise any questions for clarification and note the content of the update.

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

Date **27 March 2024**

Subject: **EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

SUMMARY

One of the key functions of the Scrutiny Panels is to hold the Executive Portfolio Holder and Senior Officers to account in the delivery of the service and the Improvement Actions identified in the Council's Corporate Priorities and Corporate Vision.

Members are therefore invited to consider the items of business that fall under the remit of the Health and Public Protection portfolio and have been dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel. This also includes any decisions taken by individual Executive Members.

The relevant notices for decisions taken are attached for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members consider the items of Business discharged by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel and make any comments or raise any questions for clarification.

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

2023/24
Decision No.
2520

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 4 March 2024

Portfolio	Health and Public Protection
Subject:	Air Quality Update and Review of the Gosport Road Air Quality Management areas
Report of:	Director of Neighbourhoods
Corporate Priority:	Respond to Climate Change and Protect the Environment

Purpose:

To revoke the Gosport Road and Portland Street Air Quality Management areas (AQMA's).

Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 introduced a requirement on all local authorities to carry out duties in relation to Local Air Quality Management (LAQM). All local authorities are obliged to regularly review and assess air quality in their areas and determine whether the air quality objectives for different pollutants are likely to be achieved.

Between 1998 and 2001, Fareham Borough Council undertook its first round of review and assessments of air quality. Following subsequent monitoring and progress reports, the results showed that the NO₂ annual mean objective would be exceeded both in 2005 and 2010 in Gosport Road at the junction with Newgate Lane and Redlands Lane, and therefore Fareham Borough Council was required to declare an AQMA in the area. The Fareham AQMA was declared in April 2006. Following the 2006 Updating Screening Assessment, the Portland Street AQMA was declared on 01 December 2007 for nitrogen dioxide from vehicle exhaust emissions.

Due to the actions identified and implemented within the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) and subsequent improvements in technology, following discussion and review of the 2023 data with the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA), Fareham Borough Council has been instructed to revoke both AQMA's in early 2024. This would be achieved by the Executive approving the order shown at Appendix A to the report. If approved there will then be no AQMA's in Fareham.

Options Considered:

The comments of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves the Revocation of the two Air Quality Management Areas as detailed in the report.

Reason:

This is because of the sustained improvement in Air Quality in the areas and the subsequent instruction from DEFRA.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

Monday, 4 March 2024

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

2023/24
Decision No.
2521

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 4 March 2024

Portfolio	Health and Public Protection
Subject:	Petition regarding car parking at Middle Road car park, Park Gate
Report of:	Director of Neighbourhoods
Corporate Priority:	Promote Economic Development; Responsive, Inclusive and Innovative Council

Purpose:

To consider the appropriate maximum stay in Middle Road Car Park, Park Gate following receipt of a 357-signature petition from a local hair and beauty salon on 25 September 2023. The petition contained 357 signatures from other local businesses and customers and requested that the maximum stay within the car park be increased from two hours to three hours.

In making a deputation at the last meeting of the Health and Public Scrutiny Panel, the Lead Petitioner informed the Panel that the reason for the petition was that many of their treatments and services take longer than two hours to complete.

Options Considered:

A deputation was received in respect of this item from Claire Powell, local business owner and lead petitioner of the petition requesting that parking at Middle Road car park, Park Gate be extended to three hours.

The comments of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item. In doing so, the Executive expressed concern about making further changes to the parking restrictions, given the history of amendments made, as set out from paragraph 7 of the report, which were made in response to requests from the local traders.

In presenting the item, the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection proposed a compromise of introducing a new Traffic Regulation Order of a two hour time limit (with no return) between the hours of 8am and 6pm. This would, in effect, provide unrestricted parking from 4pm to 8am.

In considering the amendment, the Executive concluded that it would not agree with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Panel on this occasion due to new information coming forward regarding the parking habits of current customers using the car park.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) to maintain the current two hour maximum stay period at Middle Road Car Park, Park Gate, having considered the petition and the recommendation from the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel on 24 January 2024;
- (b) to authorise the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection to approve the statutory representation process and subsequent decision on an amendment to the Traffic Regulation Order of a two hour time limit (with no return within 4 hours) between the hours of 8am and 6pm.

Reason:

The function of short stay car parks around the Borough is to support the economic activity of local businesses. The evidence for an extension to the maximum stay is inconclusive.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

Monday, 4 March 2024

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Presentation to Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

Date: 27 March 2024

Subject: Update on the implementation of car parking charges at coastal car parks

SUMMARY

The Panel will receive a presentation which will update members on the implementation of car parking charges at coastal car parks.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members make any comments or raise any questions for clarification and note the content of the presentation.

