

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA

POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY PANEL

Date: Thursday, 22 June 2023

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Members:

Councillor Mrs S M Bayford (Chairman)

Councillor N J Walker (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors M R Daniells

S Dugan

D J Hamilton

Miss T G Harper

Mrs K Mandry

Deputies: Mrs C L A Hockley

Mrs K K Trott



1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 02 May 2023.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest and Disclosures of Advice or Direction

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. Opportunities Plan (Pages 9 - 10)

To receive a presentation providing an overview of the Council's Opportunities Plan and how the Year 1 project proposals relate to the Policy and Resources Portfolio.

7. Executive Business

To consider any items of business dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel, that falls under the remit of the Policy and Resources Portfolio. This will include any decisions taken by individual members during the same time period.

(1) CONFIDENTIAL - Sale of Development Land at Faraday Business Park (South) (Pages 11 - 14)

(2) Draft Corporate Strategy 2023-2029 (Pages 15 - 16)

(3) Vehicle Replacement Programme (Pages 17 - 18)

8. Scrutiny Priorities

To provide an opportunity for Members to consider the scrutiny priorities for the Policy and Resources Panel.



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Minutes of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 2 May 2023

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor (Chairman)

Councillor N J Walker (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: F Birkett, M R Daniells, D J Hamilton, Miss T G Harper,
Mrs K Mandry and S Dugan (deputising for Mrs S M Bayford)

Also Present: Ms C Bainbridge, Mrs L E Clubley, Mrs T L Ellis, D G Foot and
Mrs K K Trott



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology of absence was received from the Chairman, Councillor Mrs S Bayford. The Vice-Chairman, Councillor N J Walker Chaired the meeting in her absence.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 23 January 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 OF ADVICE OR DIRECTION

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Planning and Regeneration on the Vehicle Replacement Programme and received a presentation (appended to these minutes) from the Policy, Research and Engagement Manager and the Policy, Research and Engagement Officer which provided a summary of the key points of the report.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs T Ellis, Chairman of the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel, addressed the Panel on this item.

Members asked questions of officers regarding the battery life of electric vehicles (EV), training of staff for maintenance and repairs of EV's, costs of renting and purchasing of vehicles, fuel and maintenance costs, and the rationale behind the proposed recommendation for the Executive.

Members acknowledged that the market for Electric Vehicles is still very much an emerging market and that the future use of electric for some vehicle types is currently unknown. They acknowledged that this has been factored into the proposed replacement programme and the proposals for increased EV use is typically limited to those vehicle types where there is greater usage data to draw on. The Panel was also pleased that the programme will be reviewed annually to take account of any changes in the market that may have arisen during the period, which then provides the Council with the opportunity to adapt the replacement programme accordingly.

RESOLVED that the Panel:

- (a) notes the contents of the Executive report on the Vehicle Replacement Programme (and accompanying appendices);
- (b) recommends the report to the Executive at its meeting on 15 May 2023 for endorsement; and
- (c) thanks the Policy, Research and Engagement Manager, and the Policy, Research and Engagement Officer for their informative presentation.

7. CORPORATE STRATEGY 2023-2029

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Leisure and Community on the Corporate Strategy 2023-2029.

The Policy, Research and Engagement Officer addressed the Panel to update them on a few amendments to the draft Executive report since it has been published. The title of the report has now been updated to 'Draft Corporate Strategy 2023-2029', and that the recommended to the Executive has now been updated to 'It is recommended that the Executive approves the draft Corporate Strategy to be circulated for public consultation'.

Members commented that the Strategy document was easy to read and well set out. They took note of the updates to the strategy and felt that these represented the Council's values well.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Trott addressed the Panel on this item and pointed out an error on page 14 of the Strategy document in that the picture shown is not of Fareham Creek but that of the River Hamble, and that this needs to be changed.

RESOLVED that the Panels comments above be noted by the Executive when considering this item at their meeting on 15 May 2023.

8. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Panel considered the Executive items of business which falls under the remit of the Policy and Resources Portfolio, including Executive Member decisions and Officer delegated decisions, that have taken place since the last meeting of the Panel on 23 January 2023.

(1) Capital Programme & Capital Strategy 2023-24

There were no comments received.

(2) Citizen of Honour Nominations 2023

There were no comments received.

(3) Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2023-24

There were no comments received.

(4) Housing Revenue Account 2023-24

There were no comments received.

(5) Irrecoverable Debts

There were no comments received.

(6) Southampton and Fareham Legal Partnership Review

There were no comments received.

(7) Treasury Management Strategy 2023-24

There were no comments received.

(8) CONFIDENTIAL - Infrastructure Upgrade - Daedalus

Councillor D Hamilton asked a question on this item.

9. SCRUTINY PRIORITIES

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer addressed the Panel on this item, giving members an update on the items that they had reviewed over the past 12 months, and the two items that have yet to come forward on Town Centre Regeneration and the Review of the Council's approach to Consultation and Engagement, which will be scheduled into the Priorities Plan for the next municipal year.

Members were given the opportunity to put forward suggestions for any additional items of business that they would like to scrutinise. No suggestions were put forward.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.00 pm).

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Presentation to Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel

Date **22 June 2023**

Report of: **Chief Executive Officer**

Subject: **OPPORTUNITIES PLAN 2023-2027**

SUMMARY

The Executive Leader delivered the Budget presentation for 2023/2024 at the full Council meeting on 24 February 2023. During the presentation it was acknowledged that the Medium-Term Financial Strategy forecast a future funding gap of £2.4m by 2026/27.

Since this time, there has been considerable activity to develop a new Opportunities Plan of projects to close the gap.

This presentation provides an overview of the way in which the Opportunities Plan has been developed and the significant Year 1 project proposals that relate to the Scrutiny Panel area.

An update on the full Opportunities Plan and finalised Year 1 project proposals will be presented at the Executive on 4 September 2023 for their agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

Members are invited to note the contents of the presentation and make any comments or further proposals for consideration as part of the Opportunities Plan.

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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2022/23
Decision No.
2446

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 15 May 2023

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.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

Monday, 15 May 2023

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2022/23
Decision No.
2445

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 15 May 2023

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.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

Monday, 15 May 2023