

AGENDA FOR THE EXECUTIVE

Date: Monday, 4 March 2024

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Executive Members:

Councillor S D T Woodward, Policy and Resources (Executive Leader)

Councillor I Bastable, Streetscene

Councillor Miss J Burton, Health & Public Protection

Councillor D G Foot, Housing

Councillor S D Martin, Planning and Development

Councillor Mrs S M Walker, Leisure and Community

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 05 February 2024.

3. Executive Leader's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest from members in accordance with Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct.

5. Petitions

6. Deputations

To receive any deputations, of which notice has been lodged.

7. References from Other Committees

To receive any references from the committees or panels held.

Matters for Decision in Public

Note: Where an urgent item of business is raised in accordance with Part 3 of the Constitution, it will be considered with the relevant service decisions as appropriate.

8. Leisure and Community

Key Decision

(1) Padel Tennis Proposal (Pages 11 - 26)

A report by the Assistant Director (Democracy).

9. Streetscene

Key Decision

(1) Introducing Simpler Recycling in Fareham (Pages 27 - 36)

A report by the Director of Neighbourhoods.

10. Health and Public Protection

Non-Key Decision

(1) Air Quality Update and Review of the Gosport Road Air Quality Management areas (Pages 37 - 44)

A report by the Director of Neighbourhoods.

- (2) **Petition regarding car parking at Middle Road car park, Park Gate** (Pages 45 - 50)

A report by the Director of Neighbourhoods.

11. Policy and Resources

Key Decision

- (1) **Daedalus Vision and Outline Strategy - 2024 Update: Progress and Next Steps** (Pages 51 - 72)

A report by the Director of Planning and Regeneration.

Non-Key Decision

- (2) **Citizen of Honour Nominations 2024** (Pages 73 - 84)

A report by the Assistant Director (Democracy).



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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Executive

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Monday, 5 February 2024

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Present:

S D T Woodward, Policy and Resources (Executive Leader)
Miss J Burton, Health & Public Protection
D G Foot, Housing
S D Martin, Planning and Development
Mrs S M Walker, Leisure and Community

Also in attendance:



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor I J Bastable, Executive Member for Streetscene.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 08 January 2024 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Executive Leader announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. PETITIONS

There were no petitions submitted at this meeting.

6. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

7. REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**Planning & Development Scrutiny Panel - 31 January 2024**Minute 6: Affordable Housing SPD for Consultation

The Panel received an Executive report on the Council's Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which is to be considered by the Executive on the 05 February 2024. Both the Executive report and SPD have been developed collaboratively by both the Planning and Fareham Housing Departments. Officers from the Planning Strategy and Fareham Housing presented the report and supporting presentation to Members. A copy of the presentation is appended to these Minutes.

The Chairman invited Councillor Mrs K Mandry to join the discussion on this item as Chairman of the Housing Scrutiny Panel. Councillors Mrs C Hockley and R Bird also joined in discussions on this item.

Members from both the Planning and Development and Housing Scrutiny Panels took part in a lengthy discussion covering many different areas of the draft Affordable Housing SPD. The key topics were around the design and parking elements of development schemes and how the SPD can help to assist applicants from an early stage to create affordable housing where community integration is paramount. Officers explained that although each site is different the SPD hopes to provide clarity on the Council's requirements, setting out clear and transparent expectations to assist

applications through the planning process and help deliver affordable housing across the Borough.

Members from both Panels were very complementary of the draft Affordable Housing SPD and ask that the Executive approve the document for public consultation.

RESOLVED that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel:-

- (a) notes the contents of the Executive Report; and
- (b) asks that the Executive approve the document for public consultation at their meeting on the 05 February 2024.

This item was considered at item 9(2) on the agenda.

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Panel - 22 January 2024

Minute 6: Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans 2024/25

The Panel considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive Officer on the Housing Revenue Account Budget (HRA) and Capital Plans for 2024-25.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor R Bird addressed the Panel on this item.

Councillor Bird asked questions in respect of void properties and commented on the recent progress made on decreasing the void turnaround times as part of the Opportunities Plan. He expressed a desire for the figure to continue to decrease in line with the national average of 25 days. This would result in more income generation into the HRA through rental income and reduced council tax costs.

Members also touched on the work of the empty homes strategy and enquired as to whether the upfront costs of an empty homes management order could be funded from the HRA. The Finance Manager addressed the Panel to confirm that any initial outlay would be from the General Fund, but there would be financial costs to the HRA if a property was purchased and transferred to the HRA.

RESOLVED that the Panel recommends that the Executive endorses the recommendations contained within the report being presented to the Executive at its meeting on 5 February 2024.

This item was considered at item 10(2) on the agenda.

Minute 9: Finance Strategy, Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2024/25

The Panel considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive Officer on the Finance Strategy, Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2024-25.

Members expressed their frustration at the governments cap of 2.99% increase in Council Tax given the funding cuts that local authorities are

receiving from central government but were pleased to hear that there had been some core funding allocated to the Council in the provisional financial settlement.

RESOLVED that the Panel recommends that the Executive endorses the recommendations as set out the report for the Executive at its meeting on 5 February.

This item was considered at item 10(1) on the agenda.

8. HOUSING

(1) Fareham Housing Responsive Repairs Framework Contract Extension

RESOLVED that authority be delegated to the Director of Housing, following consultation with the Executive Member for Housing to enter into an extension of the existing Responsive Repairs Contracts with the respective suppliers, for a period of up to 12 months.

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) adopts the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document as set out in Appendix B to the report with effect from 20 February 2024;
- (b) approves the publication of the Companion Cost Schedule as set out at Appendix C to this report alongside the SPD;
- (c) delegates authority to the Director of Planning and Regeneration to review and update the Companion Cost Schedule on an annual basis as necessary;
- (d) 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 adoption; and
- (e) agrees that the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (excluding Welborne) adopted in April 2016, be superseded on 20 February 2024.

(2) Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document for Consultation

The comments of the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document as set out in Appendix A to the report, for public consultation for a six-week period; and

- (b) agrees to delegate 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 prior to the consultation.

10. POLICY AND RESOURCES

- (1) Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2024/25

The comments of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

RESOLVED that the Executive approves and recommends to the meeting of the Council to be held on 23 February 2024:

- (a) the capital programme and financing of £58,678,500;
- (b) an overall revised net revenue budget for 2023/24 of £12,376,100;
- (c) a net revenue budget for 2024/25 of £13,292,600;
- (d) a council tax for Fareham Borough Council for 2024/25 of £185.86 per band D property, which represents a £5.40 per year increase when compared to the current year and is within referendum limits;
- (e) an unchanged Council Tax Support scheme for 2024/25; and
- (f) that the Council continues to disregard the whole of any incomes prescribed in the Housing Benefit (War Pensions Disregards) Regulations 2007 and the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) (England) Regulations 2012.

- (2) Housing Revenue Account 2024/25

The comments of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

RESOLVED that the Executive approves and recommends to the meeting of the Council to be held on 23 February 2024 that:

- (a) rents be approved for Council Dwellings as set out in paragraph 27 of the report with effect from 01 April 2024;
- (b) rents for Council garages be increase by 7.7% with effect from 01 April 2024;
- (c) the revised budget for 2023/24 be approved;
- (d) the base budget for 2024/25 be approved; and
- (e) the Fees and Service Charges at Appendix E to the report be approved

(3) Treasury Management Strategy 2024/25

RESOLVED that the Executive:

(a) endorses the draft Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy for 2024/25, as attached at Appendix A to the report; and

(b) agrees to submit the Strategy to Council for approval.

11. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to exclude the public and representatives of the Press from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the matters to be dealt with involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraphs 1 & 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

12. POLICY AND RESOURCES

(1) Irrecoverable Debts

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that the debts listed in the confidential Appendix A to the report, be written off as irrecoverable.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 6.15 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 04 March 2024

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| Portfolio: | Leisure and Community |
| Subject: | Padel Tennis Proposal |
| Report of: | Assistant Director (Democracy) |
| Corporate Priorities: | Leisure opportunities for wellbeing and fun |

Purpose:

To consider a proposal to develop a covered 4-court padel tennis centre on part of the open space at Park Lane Recreation Ground.

Executive summary:

The Council has received a proposal from Padel4All to fund and develop a covered padel tennis centre on the part of the open space at Park Lane Recreation Ground.

Padel is one of the world's fastest growing sports. Often referred to as a mix of tennis and squash, it is easy to learn and can be played by all ages and abilities.

This location has been identified by Padel4All because it considers the catchment area able to support a 4-court padel tennis centre. It can also make use of existing services such as parking, changing facilities and the café within Fareham Leisure Centre, which helps to keep the cost of playing low.

The cost of installing a 4-court padel tennis centre would be fully funded by Padel4All. In addition to the investment into a new leisure facility, it would generate a fixed annual rental income to the Council as the landowner and a share of the revenue generated.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is recommended that the Executive considers the proposal and agrees:

- (a) subject to any representations received following statutory advertisement and subject to planning approval and any necessary assessments, to agree in principle to the disposal of 1500 sqm of public open space for a 4-court padel tennis centre at Park Lane Recreation Ground as shown on the map marked Appendix A and to agree to the financial terms as set out in confidential Appendix B;

- (b) to authorise the Head of Asset Management to advertise the proposed disposal of above public open space for two consecutive weeks in a local newspaper circulating in the locality in accordance with the requirements of s123 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and to approve the disposal, subject to no representations being received. If representations are received, to note that a further report will be presented to the Executive for determination and for final decision to be made as to the disposal; and
- (c) subject to the above, to delegate authority to the Assistant Director (Democracy), following consultation with the Executive Member for Leisure and Community, to agree the terms of the disposal as set out in the report including the Heads of Terms and to enter in to contractual and all necessary arrangements to give effect to the proposals in this report if there are no representations from the disposal of the open space.
- (d) in the event of there being representations, to note that a further report will be presented to the Executive.

Reason:

To provide an accessible padel tennis court within the Borough that residents of all ages and abilities can benefit from and to generate a rental income to contribute to the Councils corporate savings target.

Cost of proposals:

The cost of installing a 4-court padel tennis centre would be fully funded by Padel4All.

Appendices:

- A: Site Map
- B: Financial Proposal (confidential)
- C: Design concept images

Appendix B: Financial Proposal Confidential – By virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person and category 7A (information which is subject to an obligation of confidentiality) of Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 and the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules.

It is not in the public interest to publish this information as it would harm the commercial interests of a third-party to disclose financial information which in turn could affect their negotiations with other parties and subsequent market competition.

Background papers: None

Reference papers: None

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Executive Briefing Paper

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| Date: | 04 March 2024 |
| Subject: | Padel Tennis Proposal |
| Briefing by: | Assistant Director (Democracy) |
| Portfolio: | Leisure and Community |

INTRODUCTION

1. Padel4All have approached the Council with a proposal to fund and develop a 4-court covered padel tennis centre on part of the open space at Park Lane Recreation Ground. They selected this location after carrying out a needs analysis and viability assessments to ensure the location and catchment area would provide a viable and sustainable facility.
2. Their aim is to build padel tennis centres in accessible locations where a leisure or sports facility is already operating enabling them to make use of existing services such as parking, changing facilities and food & beverage. This allows them to keep the cost of playing affordable. In return, the Council as the landowner receives a fixed rent and a share of the revenue income and the Leisure Centre operator would benefit from a share of the revenue income and the benefits of additional secondary spend.
3. This report sets out the background and business case to provide a padel tennis facility on the open space at Park Lane Recreation Ground adjacent to the Fareham Leisure Centre. The exact location for the facility is identified in the plan contained in Appendix A.

BACKGROUND

4. Padel is one of the world's fastest growing sports. Often referred to as a hybrid of tennis and squash, it is easy to learn and play which makes it enjoyable for beginners trying the sport for the first time. Played in doubles it also creates an important social element.
5. A padel tennis court is much like a traditional tennis court, except around 25% smaller (10 meters x 20 meters per court) and has glass walls/partitions surrounding it. Images showing what the centre would look like are set out in Appendix C.
6. One big difference between tennis and padel tennis is that players play with a paddle instead of a strung racket. The paddle is more comparable with a table tennis paddle than a tennis racquet.

7. Most points are won through tactics and clever play (not through power) which requires less intense physical effort. Rallies last longer so players still enjoy a good cardio workout.
8. Padel4all is one of the leading operators of covered padel centres in the UK. Established in 2019, their aim is to build and operate high quality padel tennis centres that are priced affordably. Their commercial aim is to build centres in accessible locations where a leisure or sports facility is already operating.
9. In return for using these existing facilities, the landowner receives a fixed rent and a percentage share of the revenue generated. Furthermore, the Leisure Centre operator also benefits from a share of the revenue in return for padel customers having access to their toilets and changing facilities, as well as additional income through secondary spend in the café.
10. The supervised courts are all pay-and-play which makes the game accessible to everyone, but some time is allocated to coaching and competitions, which in turn helps to generate additional income.
11. Padel4All currently have three padel centres now fully operational. Basset Down (Swindon) and Garon Park (Southend) both opened in 2021 and Lockleaze (Bristol) which opened in August 2022.

OPPORTUNITIES PLAN

12. The opportunity to develop a padel tennis centre on Council land was included as part of the opportunities plan that was considered by the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel and the Executive.
13. This included potential to generate a rental income to contribute to the Council's corporate savings target.
14. Further work has been undertaken and Padel4All have submitted a financial model for the Council to consider. The details surrounding the financial proposal are set out in confidential Appendix B.

CONSTRUCTION AND PLANNING PERMISSION

15. Padel4All would take complete ownership over the project management of the build and installation using their preferred principal contractor 'Padel Tech' under a JCT Design & Build Contract.
16. Padel4All have considered the design and layout of the new padel facility and consider it important that there is a clear entrance to the courts.
17. The courts would be lit using LED lighting. Each court would have 4 LED lamps located on 5m high stanchions which produce focussed lighting onto the playing surface of the court with little light diffusion. As the courts are under the canopy there is little light pollution created outside of the canopy.
18. Padel4all would fund the whole of this capital expenditure including all ground works and redirecting the existing footpaths, in addition to accepting the liability for any cost overruns. Capital expenditure would be funded out of Padel4all's existing cash resources.

19. The development requires planning permission, and the application process would be undertaken by a local planning agent, on behalf of Padel4All, who would prepare and submit the planning application.
20. Padel4All have a team of consultants who provide the necessary expertise and supporting documentation where required. This includes transport, drainage, ecology, environmental and arboriculture.

LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

21. Padel4all require a long-term lease arrangement with the Council over the site of the padel courts. There are some restrictive covenants on the site and considering the substantial up-front capital cost, Padel4All are seeking to have security of tenure over a period of 15 years. This is commensurate with the Leases they hold on other Padel Facilities.
22. They are seeking the lease to have the protection of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954, but would like the Lease to include a Tenant break at the end of the fifth, tenth and fifteenth years on serving not less than 6 months' notice to the Council.
23. The fixed annual rent will be reviewable every 5 years, reflecting changes in RPI, but subject to a 5-year cap of 3% per annum. The share of the revenue generated would remain at the percentage agreed.
24. Padel4all would agree a contribution towards any increase in property rates relating to the padel courts.

BEST CONSIDERATION ASSESSMENT

25. The Council may dispose of the land having regard to the provisions in s123 of the Local Government Act 1972 and the General Disposal Consent 2003. Legislation (the Local Government Act 1972) requires that a council shall not dispose of land for a consideration less than the best that can reasonably be obtained, except in the case of short tenancies, unless the Secretary of State consents to the disposal. In order to do this the Council must test whether an offer is the best that can reasonably be obtained, and it remains the responsibility of the Council to seek its own legal or other professional advice as it feels appropriate.
26. The Council's Asset Management department will be responsible for carrying out this task, in conjunction with Leisure Officers. The Council may dispose an interest in property at less than best consideration where it is considered that the purpose of disposal will achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of the area and or its local residents. The undervalue must be £2m or less and the land must not be held for planning purposes, otherwise the consent of the Secretary of State is required.

SECTION 123 NOTICE

27. Any council looking to dispose of open space is required by Section 123 (2A) of the Local Government Act 1972 to follow certain statutory requirements to advertise the disposal of land that consists of or forms part of an open space. It is required to advertise its intention by way of placing a Section 123 Notice in a local newspaper for two consecutive weeks and to consider any representations received.
28. Under this legislation a 'disposal' is deemed to be a Lease for over 10 years or a sale.

29. As the suggested lease term for this proposal is over 10 years, the Council would be legally obliged to carry out this process.
30. The Council's Asset Management Officers would assist with this process.

FACILITY MANAGEMENT

31. Padel4All would have full responsibility for operating the facility including all revenue costs under the terms of a full repairing lease inc. utilities. The facility will be in operation 7 days a week and will require 7 employees to manage the facility.
32. Padel4all would also be responsible for the cost of electricity consumed by the padel centre and for public liability insurance at the padel facility. The minimum level of cover for the insurance would be £5 million.
33. The courts are all pay-and-play which makes the game accessible to everyone. Padel4All offer concessionary pricing which makes playing more affordable for juniors and families and a membership scheme from just £12 per month (£6 for a child) which offers wider benefits and reduces the cost of playing further. A Padel4all membership allows access at their other 3 padel centres.
34. All Padel4all centres are registered Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) venues. As a registered centre they must meet the necessary standards with regards to policy and procedures relating to, safeguarding, diversity and inclusion, risk assessment, coaching standards and welfare.
35. The coaching team are all LTA accredited coaches who are trained through the national coaching programme.
36. They have a scheme of work resource for padel delivery within primary schools and have successfully trialled wheelchair padel and are working on a roadmap which ensures they are able to deliver it in all their centres.

FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

37. Details of the financial terms are set out in confidential Appendix B.

PROCUREMENT ASSESSMENT

38. The value of this proposal falls significantly below the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016 threshold of £5,372,609 (inc. VAT).
39. The proposal is classified as a 'Significant Purchase' as per the Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules. The due diligence and route to market procedures have been followed.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS/CARBON IMPACT ASSESSMENT

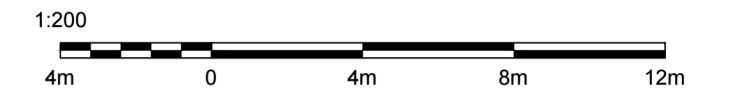
40. Installation of the 4-court padel tennis centre would see a reduction in public open space. Padel4all would be responsible for preparing and submitting the planning application which would be subject to meeting the Council's Biodiversity Net Gain requirements prior to planning permission being granted.

41. Residents will be encouraged to access these outdoor facilities. Where it is required Padel4all will produce a Community Use Agreement which promotes their social responsibility and outreach work.
42. An equalities impact assessment to ensure that the proposal is fair and does not present any barriers to participation has been carried out.

Enquiries:

For further information on this report please contact Emma Bowler, Leisure and Community Manager, 01329 824440.

Appendix A



KEY

- Courts carpet
- Concrete foundation
- Application site boundary

NOTES

Canopy based on: Okatent Multi Padel Game 5.3
Padel court based on: AFP aluminium posted court

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| D | Added labels and redirected path | LS | 11.01.24 |
| C | Location Changed | AC | 25.07.23 |
| B | Canopy length & width reduced | LS | 21.07.23 |
| REV: | DESCRIPTION: | BY: | DATE: |

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| PLANNING | | | |
| CLIENT: Padel 4 All | | | |
| SITE: Fareham Leisure Centre | | | |
| TITLE: SITE PLAN | | | |
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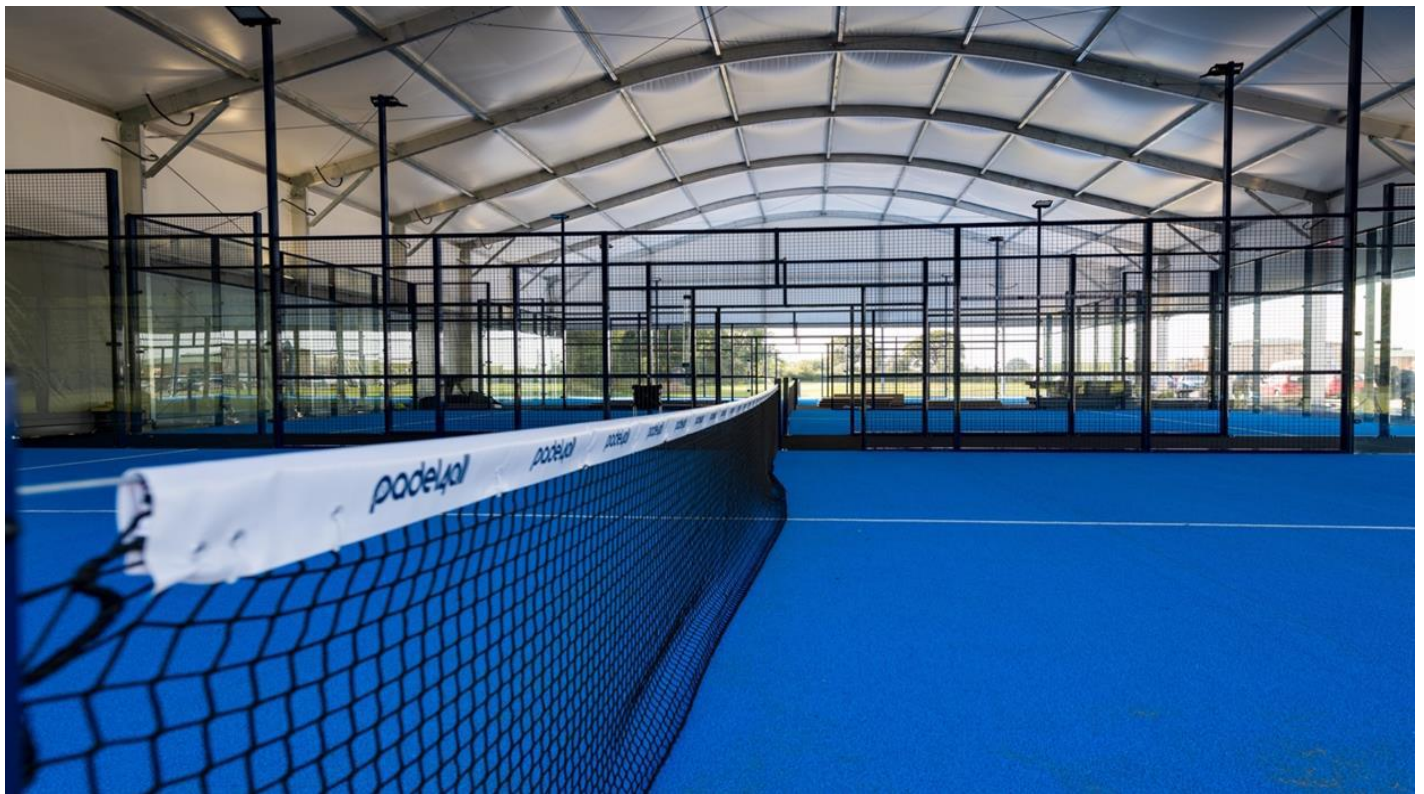
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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 04 March 2024

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| Portfolio: | Streetscene |
| Subject: | Introducing Simpler Recycling in Fareham |
| Report of: | Director of Neighbourhoods |
| Corporate Priorities: | Respond to Climate Change and Protect the Environment |

Purpose:

To advise Members of the implications for the Council's waste collection and recycling services of the Government's proposals to require all waste collection authorities across England and Wales to collect the same materials for recycling, known as "Simpler Recycling".

Executive summary:

The Environment Act 2021 and the imminent Simpler Recycling Regulations will require the Council to collect food waste weekly, extend the range of dry mixed recyclables collected and collect glass from the kerbside by 31 March 2026.

Additional staff and vehicles will be required for food waste collections and a decision is required as to whether kerbside glass will be collected in with dry mixed recyclables or separately.

The increased capital and revenue costs of collecting food waste will be covered by additional New Burdens funding from the Government. There is also the opportunity to increase the Council's trade waste services.

Further reports will be forthcoming on the detailed proposals in due course.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Executive:

- (a) confirms this Council's commitment to implementing the proposed Environment Act 2021 Recycling Regulations to deliver significant improvements to our waste and recycling services and reduce our impact on the environment as cost effectively as possible;
- (b) agrees that £970,000 be added to the Capital Programme for the introduction of a food waste collection service across the Borough;

(c) subject to the outcome of the current analysis of the optimal collection approach to dry mixed recyclables, agrees to assert that this Council's preferred option is a co-mingled recycling collection service collecting a wider range of materials and that Hampshire County Council be advised accordingly; and

(d) agrees that future detailed reports on additional recycling collection services, trade waste services and the introduction of a food waste collection service be brought forward once the Regulations are published.

Reason:

To enable the Council to begin to prepare for implementing the complex requirements of the Environment Act 2021 to achieving greater consistency in waste collections and driving up recycling rates.

Cost of proposals:

The proposals in this report do not in themselves place any additional costs on the Council. However, as more detailed proposals emerge, additional resources will be required. The Government has recognised that the requirements of the Environment Act 2021 and its imminent Regulations will place new burdens on local authorities and have pledged to cover these costs.

Background papers: Letter from Leader of Hampshire County Council about the Inter Authority Agreement; 22 November 2023

WRAP, 2022, Waste and Recycling Services Support to Fareham Borough Council, Prepared by SLR Consulting

Reference papers: Government response to consultation on consistency in household and business recycling in England 2021, November 2023:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consistency-in-household-and-business-recycling-in-england/outcome/government-response>

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Executive Briefing Paper

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| Date: | 04 March 2024 |
| Subject: | Introducing Simpler Recycling in Fareham |
| Briefing by: | Director of Neighbourhoods |
| Portfolio: | Streetscene |

INTRODUCTION

1. The Corporate Strategy sets out the Council's commitment to reducing our impact on the environment, responding and adapting to climate change and supporting our residents to do the same. Changes to legislation over the next six years will enable us to provide significant improvements to our waste and recycling services.
2. Fareham Borough Council has responsibility for the collection of household waste, while Hampshire County Council has responsibility for how and where the materials are received and treated or disposed and can direct the Collection Authority as to where to take them.
3. The Government's Resources and Waste Strategy, published in 2018 and reported to Executive in 2019, presented a comprehensive package of proposals aimed at achieving greater consistency in waste collections and driving up recycling rates.
4. The Environment Act 2021 provided the statutory foundation for this change and requires a minimum set of materials to be collected separately from households for recycling. The core recyclables initially include glass bottles and containers, paper and card, metals, plastic bottles, plastic pots, tubs and trays and food and drink cartons, with plastic film collection to be introduced later. It also requires a separate food waste collection from households with a minimum collection frequency of weekly. These provisions are not yet in force as the Regulations setting out the detailed statutory requirements are still awaited.
5. Although all the relevant details are not yet confirmed, this report provides an update on the current position with an indication of the main workstreams and decisions that will be required.

SIMPLER RECYCLING PROPOSALS

6. The Government consulted on its proposals to drive national consistency in waste collections in 2021. In October last year it published a response to this consultation. The now renamed 'Simpler Recycling' proposals set out an intention to mandate for the introduction of:
 - a) Minimum weekly food waste collections to every domestic property

- b) Additional items for inclusion in kerbside dry-mixed recycling collections, namely glass, plastic pots tubs & trays cartons, foil (including aluminium trays and foil tubes) and soft flexible plastics and films
 - c) Fortnightly garden waste collections (for which a charge can be made)
 - d) Minimum fortnightly frequency of residual waste collections
 - e) Similar requirements for separate collections to be undertaken for business and commercial waste – referred to as Non-Household Municipal Waste, namely:
 - i. Businesses – Micro, Small, Medium & Large - size of business is determined by number of full-time equivalent employees
 - ii. Residential homes, Education establishments & Hospitals or nursing homes
 - iii. Places of worship, Penal institutes, Charity shops, Hostels & Public meeting places (all subject to consultation).
7. Waste Collection Authorities will be required to commence collections of weekly food waste and the additional dry recyclates by 31 March 2026. The inclusion of soft flexible plastic and films has a deadline of 31 March 2027.
 8. Non-Household municipal premises are required to separate their waste by 31 March 2025.
 9. The proposals also contain an intention to introduce Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) payments to local authorities. Under these proposals, producers of packaging will be required to pay for local authority packaging waste management services (dry mixed recycling collections) from financial year 2025/26, provided that the services are “operated efficiently and effectively, and effective at enabling packaging to be recycled”. The supporting guidance for efficient & effective collections is expected to be released in the summer.
 10. Finally, the proposed Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) for single use drinks containers is due to commence on 1 October 2025.

HAMPSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP RESPONSE

11. Fareham Borough Council is one of 11 Waste Collection Authority members of Project Integra, the Waste Partnership in Hampshire. Project Integra is comprised of Hampshire County Council (Waste Disposal Authority), Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils (Unitary Authorities), the 11 Waste Collection Authorities and a disposal contractor, Veolia. The Council utilises the infrastructure provided by the Partnership for the onward recycling and disposal of recycling and waste collected.
12. The Integrated Waste Disposal Contract, overseen by Project Integra, must align the Environment Act 2021 requirements with current, and future, waste management facilities.
13. Following the Government’s response on ‘Simpler Recycling’ in October, Hampshire County Council has clarified its position:
 - a. Discussions on the Inter Authority Agreement that was due to be signed by 31st October 2023 have been paused;
 - b. The County Council will retain income received from the processing of dry mixed recycling with effect from April 2024;

- c. Proposals for penalty charges for contaminated recyclable materials will not be introduced;
 - d. There will not be a disposal solution for mixed food and garden waste as the infrastructure for managing garden separately is well established;
 - e. Proposals for co-investment from the Waste Collection Authorities will not be supported.
14. The immediate impact of this position for this Council is the loss of around £250,000 income from dry mixed recycling. This has been built into the Medium-Term Financial Strategy from 2024/25.
 15. Initially, Hampshire County Council was proposing to build a new Material Recovery Facility (MRF) which would have accommodated part of a twin-stream recycling system: i.e. dry mixed recycling plus separate paper & card facility. However, the Government's October announcement of a co-mingled recycling policy means that this strategy may need to change. The initial work undertaken by the County Council suggested that a fully co-mingled stream with "glass in" would require two new Materials Recovery Facilities (MRFs) to be delivered, as neither the existing Alton MRF nor the new Chickenhall Lane site will be big enough to manage the volume of material individually. This would result in a significant increase in investment being needed which, if a decision were made to remove the glass later, would be wasted as the remaining material could be managed at one site.
 16. In view of this, the County Council has asked all the Waste Collection Authorities in Project Integra to specify their preferred collection system. They are keen to provide a single disposal system and would prefer there to be unanimous agreement. An analysis of the optimal approach to the kerbside collection of dry mixed recyclables has been commissioned and is due to report imminently. This modelling exercise centres on the collection of all the recyclables required for Simpler Recycling, with "glass in" and "glass-out" options included. The cost/benefit analysis will assist in informing the Waste Collection Authorities' decision around a preferred collection service for Hampshire.
 17. Following publication of the results of the above study, Fareham Borough Council must, along with each other Waste Collection Authority in Hampshire, determine our preferred kerbside collection system.

INTRODUCING "SIMPLER RECYCLING" IN FAREHAM

18. The Council currently operates an alternate weekly residual waste and recycling collection service for plastic bottles, card, paper, tins, cans and aerosols. Glass and textiles can be taken to a network of bring bank sites across the Borough.
19. The key policy impacts of Simpler Recycling for Fareham Borough Council are:
 - a) Food waste must be collected separately on a weekly basis
 - b) Glass must be collected kerbside
 - c) A greater range of dry mixed recyclables must be collected and can all be collected in a single bin, known as "co-mingled". This will include plastic pots, tubs, trays, cartons, paper and card, metal cans, and glass bottles
20. The new food waste and dry recycling collections must be in place by 31 March 2026. Residual waste collections must be at least every 2 weeks; however, this is currently being

challenged by those authorities that have already moved to 3-weekly residual collections. Garden waste collections are not required to be free, so the Council can continue to charge for and operate its existing *Clip and Collect* service.

21. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) payments commence in April 2025. No details are available yet but the income is estimated at £900 million per annum in total across all local authorities. A deposit return scheme (DRS) will be introduced by October 2025 for all plastic bottles and drink cans (over 50ml and under 3l).

Dry mixed recyclables

22. As above, the new dry mixed recycling collections must be in place by 31 March 2026. This presents a key decision for Fareham Borough Council as to whether to collect fully co-mingled recyclables with glass in at the kerbside (i.e. everything in one bin) or twin stream collections (i.e. glass in one bin, other recyclables in another).
23. It is likely that a continuation of co-mingled collections but with glass included could be accommodated within the current recycling collection arrangements with a minimal requirement for additional vehicles and crews. However, kerbside collection of glass separately would require an estimated additional two or three refuse collection vehicles and up to nine additional staff. It is considered that a co-mingled collection system is a more cost-effective method of collection and is simpler for residents to use. As such, but subject to the outcome of the ongoing analysis of the optimal collection approach to dry mixed recyclables, the Council's preferred option is a co-mingled paper and glass collection.
24. A decision on this is required as soon as possible so that Hampshire County Council can plan the development of the correct disposal infrastructure. Further information on Extended Producer Responsibility requirements and how this could impact the quantum and composition of dry mixed recycling in the future would help Project Integra partners better understand the implications of how a co-mingled collection may impact them in the longer term but this may not be available in time. A further detailed report on the timing of and strategy for the introduction of kerbside glass recycling will follow once the above analysis is completed and the Regulations are published.
25. The Deposit Return Scheme (DRS), which will be introduced by October 2025, should incentivise citizens to return plastic bottles and drinks cans, rather than put them out for collection.

Food Waste

26. Food waste must be collected separately on a weekly basis, also by 31 March 2026.
27. Decisions will need to be made about the type of food waste collection vehicle to procure and the timing of the new service offer, as there may be advantages in introducing the new service early. A further detailed report on the timing of and strategy for the introduction of food waste collections and fleet options will follow once the Regulations are published.

Garden Waste

28. No change is required to Fareham's garden waste collection service.

Residual waste

29. No change is required to Fareham's residual waste collection service.

Trade waste services

30. While this report focusses on the new statutory requirements for the collection of household waste, the Environment Act 2021 also requires all non-household municipal premises in England to arrange for the separate collection of food waste and to present their waste in accordance with these arrangements by 31 March 2025. Businesses with fewer than ten full-time equivalent employees have until 31 March 2027.
31. This presents an opportunity for the Council to extend its existing trade waste services and a further report will be brought on this in due course.

Outcomes

32. The introduction of these new services in Fareham should significantly improve the recycling rate and consequently reduce the residual waste yield. Modelling undertaken in 2022 predicts that the recycling rate could increase from 39% as now to around 55%.

Implementation principles

33. As one of the biggest changes to waste and recycling services for Fareham's residents since the introduction of alternate weekly collections in 2005, it is critical that the implementation of these changes is properly planned and communicated. Internal resources will be required to support the Streetscene team, including communications, finance, legal, IT, procurement, human resources, housing and project management. Project planning will begin in earnest once the new Regulations are published and an internal project implementation team established.
34. A phased implementation across the Borough will be easier to manage and will enable any unanticipated issues that may arise to be resolved more quickly.
35. Resident engagement will be required to understand their needs and issues with the proposed changes, shape the new services and provide good information about what can be recycled under the new system.
36. There will also be a need to review policies such as side waste, missed bins & replacement bins, contamination, to ensure that they meet the requirements and with a commitment to ensure they are enforced.
37. There may also be opportunities to improve efficiency and resilience in wider waste collection services, such as rebalancing the current rounds, and to further reduce the services' impact on the environment.

Fleet implications

38. Additional vehicles will need to be procured. The Vehicle Replacement Programme, approved by Executive in May 2023, is based on the purchase of used diesels for Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCVs) and Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs).
39. The new food waste collections are likely to increase our carbon footprint. Based on modelling, it is estimated that this new service would emit an additional 170.5 tCO₂e a year if fuelled by diesel. This could be reduced to 2.4 tCO₂e if HVO was used instead of diesel and nil emissions if electric vehicles were used.
40. The council is currently operating part of the HGV refuse collection diesel fleet on Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) as this is a low carbon fuel and there may be an

opportunity to use HVO for the food waste collection fleet. There is also potential to use electric vehicles for food waste collection; however this requires further investigation into vehicle specifications and available recharging infrastructure.

- 41. Options for the procurement of the new food waste fleet vehicles will be considered once the Regulations are published, alongside the 2024 Annual Review of the Vehicle Replacement Programme and will be the subject of a further report.

FUNDING THE NEW COLLECTION SERVICES

- 42. Collecting waste is very expensive, as it is highly labour intensive and requires a large fleet of large vehicles. Consequently the 2024/25 budget for household waste collection and recycling services is £2.6M, excluding the garden waste service. This is offset by around £179,000 of income from other chargeable waste services.
- 43. As the Council has not yet invested in a food waste collection service, Fareham is eligible for New Burdens funding from the Government. This recognises and provides funding for the additional capital investment required, as well as both transitional and ongoing revenue costs. The Council will receive capital funding for introduction of food waste collections in 2023/24 and transitional resource funding for food waste collections in 2024/25 and 2025/26. From 1 April 2026, local authorities will start receiving ongoing resource funding for food waste collections, subject to approval by HM Treasury.
- 44. Details of the transitional and ongoing resource funding for the introduction of food waste collection services in Fareham are not yet available. However, we have been advised that the Council is likely to receive £969,223 in capital funding before the end of March 2024 as follows:

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| Vehicles | £613,800 |
| Kerbside caddies | £218,335 |
| Kitchen caddies | £106,065 |
| Communal wheeled bins | £31,023 |

- 45. This funding package has been calculated by Defra in collaboration with the Waste Resources Action Programme (WRAP) and modelled taking account of local variables including rurality, levels of deprivation, number of kerbside and flatted properties, configuration of flatted properties, food waste yields, vehicle and container unit costs, and average collection round sizes. The assumptions and outputs were also tested with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, local authority associations and some local authorities.
- 46. It is recommended that £970,000 be added to the Council’s Capital Programme. As above, a further detailed report on the introduction of food waste collections and fleet options will follow once the Regulations are published.
- 47. In addition, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) payments are expected to commence in April 2025. No details are available yet but they are estimated to be in the region of £900M per annum for all English local authorities.
- 48. Lastly, the Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) to be introduced by October 2025 could provide

an additional revenue stream for the Council, should we choose to offer it.

RISKS

49. Waste collection is an essential, statutory, high-profile service provided to all residents and it is imperative that it is reliable.
50. While the implementation of Simpler Recycling presents significant opportunities to improve waste services to residents, there are also issues and risks, as reported to Audit and Governance Committee in September last year that will require further consideration and mitigation for successful implementation:
 - a) **Financial:**
 - i) New Burdens Funding: the Government's New Burdens Funding for food waste collection may not be sufficient to meet local expectations for the new service;
 - ii) Costs of waste disposal: there is a lack of certainty around the waste disposal system being developed by Hampshire County Council and the potential for additional costs to the Borough Council;
 - b) **Reputational:** The Council, along with every other waste collection authority in the country, could be subject to public and media scrutiny if the new services are not implemented by the required dates;
 - c) **Logistical:**
 - i) Capacity at Broadcut Depot: Additional vehicles will be needed to collect food waste which will be difficult to accommodate. Additional capacity will also need to be made available for the mass storage of new bins and caddies prior to introduction of the service;
 - ii) Household bin storage capacity: Storage of an additional food waste bin may present a difficulty for some residents, particularly those with no rear access or in flats
 - iii) Lead-in time: The current lead-in time for the procurement of food waste collection vehicles is estimated at 12 months. It is anticipated that this will lengthen when the estimated 100 Waste Collection Authorities that currently do not collect food waste begin to place their orders.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS/CARBON IMPACT ASSESSMENT

51. Waste management and recycling is a key element of the Council's ambitions to respond to climate change and protect the environment. The Council has pledged to increase its recycling performance significantly, reduce waste and become carbon neutral by 2030.
52. The Environment Act 2021 requires a minimum range of materials to be recycled. This will increase the range of materials that can be recycled in Fareham and would enable residents and businesses to reduce the amount of residual waste each household produces.
53. Collecting food waste from households for recycling can offer a wide range of benefits that include reducing damaging greenhouse gas emissions by removing the putrescent content from residual waste, producing compost and/or digestate fertiliser and generating heat and power through anaerobic digestion when linked to a combined heat and power (CHP) plant.

54. As above, there may be an opportunity to use HVO or electric vehicles for the new food waste collection fleet. The council is currently working with the Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE) to understand the electrical supply capacity at the Depot and the work required to enable electrical vehicles to be accommodated. Options for the procurement of the new food waste fleet vehicles will be considered once the Regulations are published, alongside the 2024 Annual Review of the Vehicle Replacement Programme and will be the subject of a further report.

CONCLUSION

55. The Environment Act 2021 and the imminent Simpler Recycling Regulations present a significant opportunity to improve the waste collection services currently offered by the Council, reduce our impact on the environment and support our residents to do the same.
56. Household food waste will need to be collected separately on a weekly basis, and glass will be collected kerbside with greater range of dry mixed recyclables including plastic pots, tubs, trays, cartons, paper and card, tins and cans. There is also the opportunity to increase the Council's trade waste services.
57. The increased capital and revenue costs of collecting food waste will be covered by additional New Burdens funding from the Government.
58. Further reports will be forthcoming on the detailed proposals in due course.

Enquiries:

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 04 March 2024

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| Portfolio: | Health and Public Protection |
| Subject: | Air Quality Update and Review of Gosport Road and Portland Street Air Quality Management Areas |
| Report of: | Director of Neighbourhoods |
| Corporate Priorities: | Respond to Climate Change and Protect the Environment |

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

Executive summary:
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 to 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 were 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 1 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 Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA), Fareham Borough Council have been instructed to revoke both AQMA'S in early 2024. This would be achieved by the Executive approving the order shown at Appendix A. If approved there will then be no AQMA's in Fareham.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is recommended 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.

Cost of proposals:

There are no costs associated with this proposal.

Appendices: **A:** Order Revoking the Air Quality Management Areas

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Fareham and Gosport Borough Councils Annual Status Report 2023 Bureau Veritas
June 2023

Reference Papers:

Fareham and Gosport Borough Councils Annual Status Report 2023 Bureau Veritas
June 2023

2022 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR) In fulfilment of Part IV of the
Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management Date: June, 2022

Fareham Borough Council Local Air Quality Management Updating and Screening
Assessment Ref: BV/AQ/AGGX0567/EC/2420 June 2006

Fareham and Gosport Environmental Health Partnership Annual Status Report 2016
Bureau Veritas January 2017

LAQM Technical Guidance 2022

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Executive Briefing Paper

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| Date: | 04 March 2024 |
| Subject: | Air Quality Update and Review of Gosport Road and Portland Street Air Quality Management Areas |
| Briefing by: | Director of Neighbourhoods |
| Portfolio: | Health and Public Protection |

INTRODUCTION

1. The UK government are required under the Environment Act 1995 to produce a national air quality plan. The plan sets out the UK's air quality objectives and recognises that action at national, regional, and local level may be needed, depending on the scale and nature of any air quality problem.
2. 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 to determine whether the air quality objectives for different pollutants are likely to be achieved. The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) require Annual Reporting which goes through an approval process with them.
3. Air quality objectives have been set for seven pollutants, but only particulates (PM10 – particles less than 10 microns in diameter) and Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) are seen as a potential problem in most locations in the U.K.
4. Where it is likely that air quality levels are such that certain pollutants are above specified levels the Local Authority must declare an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and prepare an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) setting out the measures it intends to put in place in pursuit of the objectives.

AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREAS

5. 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 were required to declare an AQMA in the area. The Fareham AQMA was declared in April 2006 and the Council installed a continuous analyser in Gosport Road to measure traffic related NO₂ concentrations.

6. Following the 2006 Updating Screening Assessment the Portland Street AQMA was declared on 1 December 2007 for nitrogen dioxide from vehicle exhaust emissions.
7. In 2008 Fareham Borough Council published its Air Quality Action Plan which contained 48 measures aimed at reducing NO₂ concentrations.
8. In 2012 the Council installed a continuous analyser Portland Street to measure traffic related NO₂ concentrations.
9. Following the introduction of the environmental Health Partnership with Gosport, since 2016 Fareham and Gosport Borough Councils have been submitting joint Annual Status Reports (ASR) reports to Defra for review.
10. In 2017 following a detailed assessment within the 2016 ASR, both the Fareham AQMA's were extended due to predicted exceedances of the NO₂ annual mean air quality objective (AQS) outside the original AQMA boundaries. Maps of the current AQMA's can be seen as part of the proposed revocation order at Appendix A .
11. The 2018 data did not show any exceedances of the NO₂ annual mean air quality objective (AQS) within the new AQMA boundaries.
12. The review of the 2019 ASR by Defra commented that there had been no exceedances within the AQMA's since 2015 and agreed that Fareham Borough Council would retain the AQMA's and continue to monitor at the existing locations.
13. The 2022 ASR proposed to revoke the AQMA's based on continual compliance once the impacts of COVID-19 were better understood. The review of the report by Defra agreed that annual mean concentrations have been below the air quality objective and agreed with the proposal to revoke the AQMA's the following year.
14. The LAQM Technical Guidance 2022 states "there should not be any declared AQMAs for which compliance with the relevant objective has been achieved for a consecutive five-year period".
15. No major development, which is considered likely to generate additional nitrogen dioxide, is proposed in the area and therefore it is not expected that pollution levels will significantly increase in future years.
16. Following discussion and review of the 2023 data with Defra, Fareham Borough Council are instructed to revoke both AQMA'S in early 2024. This would be achieved by the Executive approving the order shown at Appendix A. If approved there will then be no AQMA's in Fareham.
17. As per the Environment Act 2021, Fareham Borough Council will move forward with producing its new Air Quality Strategy to replace the existing Air Quality Action Plan ensuring continued air quality improvements beyond statutory designations.

NATIONAL NO₂ PROGRAMME

18. In 2017 the Government published its revised National Action Plan and subsequently issued a Ministerial Direction to Fareham to formulate separate additional plans (as part of the National NO₂ Programme) to address a perceived issue at Eastern Way Fareham. Those plans were accepted and measures to improve air quality at that

location introduced. Work is ongoing to demonstrate compliance to the Joint Air Quality Unit to enable Fareham to Exit the National NO₂ Programme as well.

RISK ASSESSMENT

19. There is a risk of reputational damage and further Directions from DEFRA is Fareham does not revoke its AQMA's.

CONCLUSION

20. Monitoring has shown that the air quality objective for nitrogen dioxide in the Fareham AQMA and Portland Street AQMA is not currently exceeded. Assessment indicates it is not likely to be exceeded in the future, and as such both should be revoked by order.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A Order Revoking the Air Quality Management Areas

REFERENCE PAPERS:

Fareham and Gosport Borough Councils Annual Status Report 2023 Bureau Veritas June 2023

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LAQM Technical Guidance 2022

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Figure One – Fareham AQMA – An area encompassing the junction of Gosport, Redlands Lane and Newgate Lane Fareham and the surrounding area up to the Quay Street roundabout Fareham.

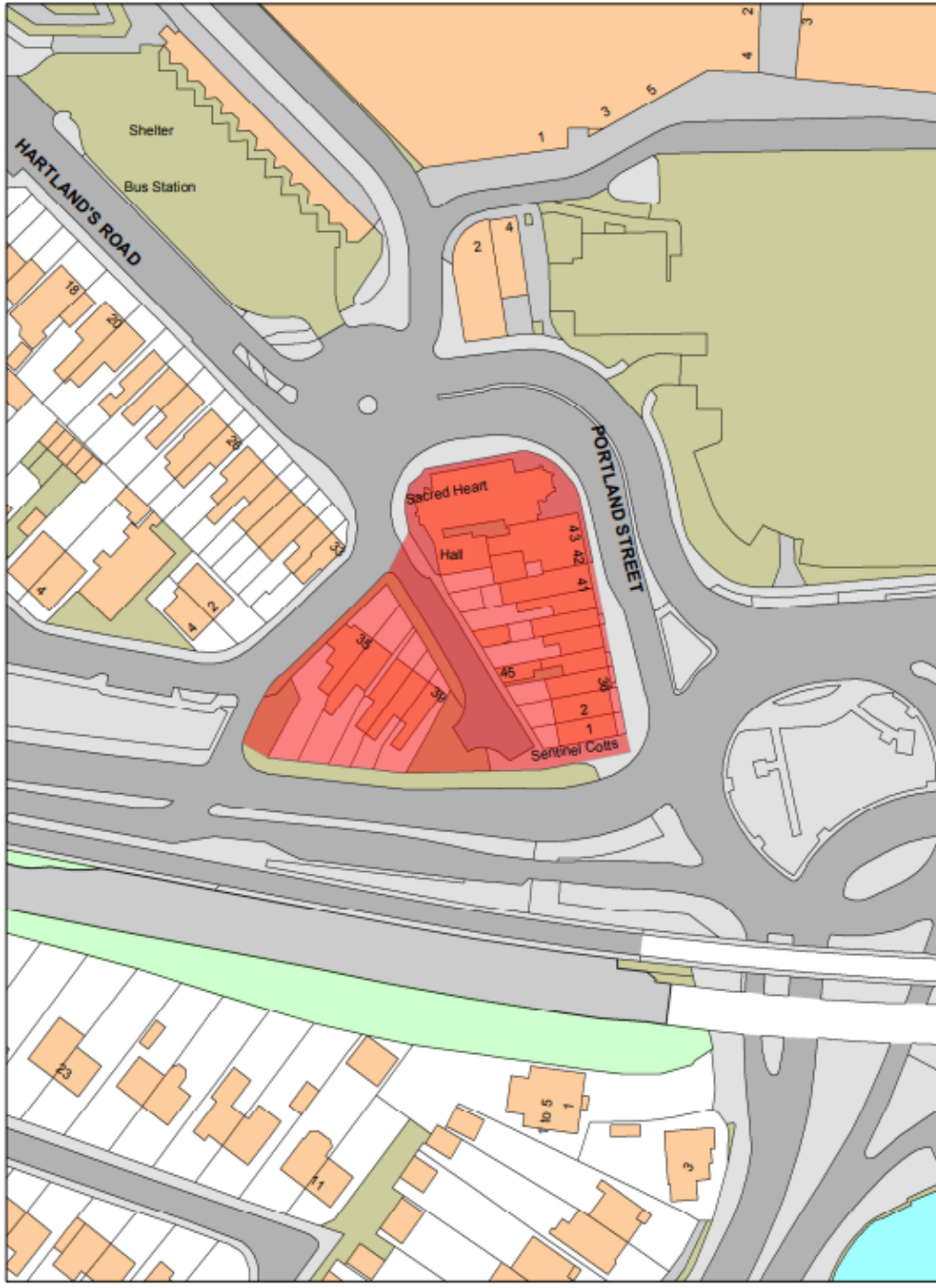
**AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA 2017 (A)
GOSPORT ROAD FAREHAM**

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**AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA 2017 (B)
PORTLAND STREET FAREHAM**

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Figure Two –

Portland Street AQMA – An area encompassing residential properties and the Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Portland Street and the southern end of Hartland Road Fareham.

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 04 March 2023

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| Portfolio: | Health and Public Protection |
| Subject: | Petition regarding car parking at Middle Road Car Park Park Gate |
| Report of: | Director of Neighbourhoods |
| Corporate Priorities: | 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.

Executive summary:

A petition was received from a hair and beauty salon from Middle Road in Park Gate in September last year. This petition contained 357 signatures from other local businesses and customers. The petition requested that the maximum stay within the car park be increased from two hours to three hours.

The lead petitioner, in making a deputation at the last Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel, informed the Panel that the reason for the petition was that many of their treatments and services take longer than two hours to complete.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Executive agrees:

- (a) to consider the petition and the recommendation from the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel on 24 January 2024 and advise whether an increase in the maximum stay period in Middle Road Car Park, Park Gate from two to three hours is appropriate, subject to the statutory Traffic Regulation Order consultation process; and
- (b) If necessary, subject to the decision above, to authorise the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection to approve the statutory representation process and subsequent decision on any amendment to the Traffic Regulation Order.

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.

Cost of proposals:

There are no costs associated with the proposals in this report.

Appendices: A: FAREHAM SHORT STAY CAR PARKS MAXIMUM STAYS

Background papers: None

Reference papers: None

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Executive Briefing Paper

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| Date: | 04 March 2024 |
| Subject: | Petition regarding car parking at Middle Road Car Park, Park Gate |
| Briefing by: | Director of Neighbourhoods |
| Portfolio: | Health and Public Protection |

INTRODUCTION

1. On 25 September 2023 a petition was received from a hair salon in Park Gate requesting that the maximum stay in Middle Road Car Park, Park Gate be increased from two hours to three hours because they offer customers several treatments that can take longer than two hours.
2. The petition was organised by a local Hair and Beauty Salon in Middle Road and contained 357 signatures.
3. On 9 October 2023 an announcement was made at the Council's Executive meeting that the petition would be referred to the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel to consider and make a recommendation to the Executive. The Panel considered the matter at its meeting of 24 January 2024 and recommended to the Executive that the maximum stay in Middle Road Car Park be increased from two hours to three hours.

CAR PARKING REGULATIONS

4. The rules, regulations and restrictions governing off-street parking places in Fareham are set out within the Borough's Off Street Consolidation Order. The Order details all the Council's car parks where restrictions are in place and what those restrictions are. It is an Executive function to determine the Order, although this can be delegated by the Executive to the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection.
5. Several short stay car parks around the Borough have a maximum stay period stated within the Order. These maximum stay periods are informed by local circumstances where the individual car parks are cited: these circumstances are usually informed by local residents, councillors and feedback from the Parking and Enforcement Team.

PARK GATE LOCAL CENTRE

6. Middle Road Car Park serves the Park Gate Local Centre. It is the third largest retail centre in the Borough, with a total of 57 units and 6,879 sqm floorspace. Only a mile

north of Locks Heath District Centre, Park Gate Local Centre is more orientated towards services which, when the last Retail Health Check was undertaken in 2021, made up over 50% of the occupied units.

MIDDLE ROAD CAR PARK

7. The background to the restrictions at Middle Road Car Park is as follows: -

2007 – 3 Hours Maximum stay

2017 – 2 Hours Maximum Stay

2018 - Introduction of a 4 hour no return

8. The current 2 hour maximum stay restriction in Middle Road Car Park has been in place since 2017. In 2018, the 4 hour no return was introduced as at that time it was considered that the turnover of vehicles within the car park was not maximising the spaces available for genuine shoppers.

9. Over the last six years or so there has been a low level of complaints to the Council and, despite regular patrols by the Parking and Enforcement Officers, relatively few Parking Charge Notices (PCNs) have been issued. These are as follows:

| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Parked longer than permitted | 26 | 35 | 47 |
| Re-parked in the same location (return) | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| Beyond bay markings | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Wrong class of vehicle | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Total | 34 | 45 | 57 |

10. During February 2024, staff carried out a usage survey of the car park. It has a maximum of 33 parking bays, which include 1 disabled bay. There is also a motorcycle bay. Most visits took place between 10:30 and 17:00 and the table below shows the numbers of vehicles observed on each occasion:-

| Date | 05/02 | 06/02 | 07/02 | 01/02 | 02/02 | 03/02 | 04/02 |
|------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| AM | 32 | 27 | 16 | 29 | 23 | 21 | 4 |
| PM | 18 | 20 | 17 | 22 | 20 | 14 | 5 |
| Date | 12/02 | 13/02 | 14/02 | 08/02 | 09/02 | 10/02 | 11/02 |
| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| AM | 24 | 31 | 32 | 31 | 20 | 15 | 11 |
| PM | 18 | 22 | 19 | 17 | 21 | 6 | 2 |

11. Middle Road Car Park is a very busy car park, supporting the commercial centre at Park Gate. This snapshot data demonstrates that the car park is at or near capacity much of the time and the low level of PCNs demonstrates that most visitors appear to be able to conduct their business within the current permitted two hours. In general, therefore, the car park appears to be functioning well for most businesses and customers in the Middle Road area.
12. The maximum stays in all of the other short stay Council Car Parks is set out at Appendix A.
13. Should the Executive wish to amend the restrictions in Middle Road Car Park, the Parking Order would need to be amended. There is a formal process to observe to achieve this, which involves a period of public consultation. The Executive usually delegates the final decision on the Order to the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection.

RISK ASSESSMENT

14. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report.

CONCLUSION

15. There are 357 signatures on the petition that was submitted. The level of complaints in recent years about Middle Road Car Park is low, as is the level of Parking Charge Notices issued. This indicates that most people are able to conduct their business within the current restrictions. However, the snapshot survey on usage demonstrates that the car park is not often full and the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel has recommended that the Executive considers increasing the maximum stay in Middle Road Car Park from two hours to three hours.

Background Papers: None

Reference Papers: None

Enquiries:

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APPENDIX A

FAREHAM SHORT STAY CAR PARKS MAXIMUM STAYS

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| Broadcut | Broadcut | PO16 8ST | 3 hours maximum stay no return 5 hours |
| Broadcut Retail Park | Broadcut | PO16 8SU | 3 hours maximum stay no return 5 hours |
| The Green | Stubbington Green | PO14 2LE | 1 hour maximum stay with 3 hour no return |
| Rear Standen House | Stubbington Lane | PO14 2JY | 1 hour maximum stay with 3 hour no return |
| Stubbington Lane | Stubbington Lane | PO14 2PF | 2 hours maximum stay with no no return |
| Barrys Meadow | Southampton Hill | PO14 4QA | 3 hours maximum stay with no no return |
| Leigh Road | Leigh Road | PO16 7SU | 4 hours maximum stay with no no return |
| Leisure Centre | Park Lane | PO16 7JU | 3 hours maximum stay with no no return |
| Middle Road | Middle Road | SO31 7FR | 2 hours maximum stay with 4 hour no return |
| Community Centre | Burridge Village Hall | SO31 1BS | 2 hours maximum stay with 2 hour no return |
| Meon House | High Street | PO16 7AA | Free no charges permit holders only |
| Warsash Road | Warsash | SO31 9ES | 4 hours maximum stay with 4 hour no return |
| Portchester Precinct | Portchester | PO16 9UX | Long stay part maximum stay 24 hours. Short stay part maximum stay 4 hours |
| Highlands Road shops | Fareham | N/A | 4 hours maximum stay and a 2 hour maximum stay (HCC on-street governed) |

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 04 March 2024

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| Portfolio: | Policy and Resources |
| Subject: | Daedalus Vision and Outline Strategy - 2024 Update: Progress and Next Steps |
| Report of: | Director of Planning and Regeneration |
| Corporate Priorities: | Promote Economic Development Responsive, Inclusive and Innovative Council |

Purpose:
To review the continued progress made in delivering the Council's adopted Vision and Outline Strategy for Daedalus and to approve the next steps identified for the site.

Executive summary:
In March 2015, the Council acquired 369 acres of land at Daedalus, mainly comprising an airfield and two development areas to the east and west. In October 2015, after extensive engagement with various interested parties and a two-month period of public consultation, the Council formally adopted its Vision together with a series of Objectives designed to achieve it.

In February 2019, the Executive revisited the Vision and considered the progress made in fulfilling the stated Objectives. It also considered what had changed since 2015 and identified the priority actions for a five-year period (2019 – 2023) to ensure the continued development and vibrancy of the airport and its adjacent business parks.

That five-year period has now concluded and a 2024 Update has therefore been prepared outlining the progress made at Daedalus since the 2015 Vision and 2019 refresh; this is set out at Appendix A.

The 2024 Update demonstrates that significant continued progress has been made in delivering the Vision for Daedalus over the last five years. Faraday Business Park has been successfully progressed with the build and full occupation of the speculative business units, together with the full letting of the business hangers. Major investment has taken place at Solent Airport with new air traffic services introduced, taxiway resurfacing undertaken, and the forthcoming introduction of aeronautical ground lighting. The Skills and Innovation cluster has been further supported with the opening of Fareham College's CETC facility, and now the future development of Bristow's Search and Research Training facility. And finally, the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Park has been delivered including children's play area and Daedalus sculpture.

Recognising the delivery achieved, next steps have now been identified in the 2024 Update to ensure progress continues to be made in accordance with the Vision and, if these are agreed, they will guide investment decisions at Daedalus in the coming years.

The 2024 Update was reported to the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel on 21 February 2024, and the comments of the Panel will be presented to the Executive for their consideration.

Once this report has been considered by the Executive, the 2024 Update publication will be shared with interested parties in mid/late March. Social media and local media opportunities will also be used to raise awareness of the achievements and next steps outlined in the 2024 Update.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Executive:

- (a) considers the progress made in delivering the adopted Vision and Outline Strategy for Daedalus;
- (b) agrees the next steps identified in the 2024 Update; and
- (c) requests Officers to undertake a range of actions to publicise the Council's continued delivery progress and next steps.

Reason:

To demonstrate the progress made against one of the Council's corporate priority actions and seek Executive approval of the next steps.

Cost of proposals:

The cost of undertaking the review and the publicity for the 2024 Update to follow can be contained within existing budgets. The actions identified will either be subject to separate reports for the Executive to consider or are the subject of an existing budget.

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| Appendices: | A: 2024 Update: Daedalus 'A High Flying Success Story' |
| Reference papers: | 4 th February 2019 Executive report "Review of the Council's Vision and Outline Strategy for Daedalus" 12 th October 2015 Executive report "A Vision for Daedalus – Results of Consultation and Next Steps" |

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Appendix A



DAEDALUS
A HIGH FLYING
SUCCESS STORY



A JOURNEY TO BE PROUD OF

When the Council purchased the 369-acre HMS Daedalus site in 2015, we knew that it had the potential to become a premier location for engineering and advanced manufacturing businesses, creating skilled employment opportunities for local people, underpinned by a vibrant and sustainable airfield.

Less than nine years on, this has become a reality.

Faraday Business Park is now home to over a dozen valuable businesses, providing hundreds of jobs for local people, and we have played our part in the country's energy supply resilience by providing a home for National Grid's Interconnector between France and the UK. The Skills and Innovation cluster includes the thriving Fareham Innovation Centre, run successfully for us by Oxford Innovation Space, together with Fareham College's Centre of Excellence in Engineering, Manufacturing and Advanced Skills Training (CEMAST) and the literally ground-breaking industry-led "digger school", CETC.

Solent Airport has gone from strength to strength, with double the number of powered aircraft movements today than in 2015. Under the management of our experienced airport operator, RCA (Regional and City Airports Ltd), we have invested millions of pounds in the airport's infrastructure to improve its competitive position on the south coast.

And Daedalus has something for every member of our community. As well as the spectacle of modern and vintage aircraft that use the airport every day, the airport is host to a variety of community events throughout the year and the newly refurbished Cafe @ 05 is a popular draw all year round.

I was particularly pleased to open the new 40-acre Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee Park, in honour of our late Queen, which provides another wonderful open space in Fareham for everyone to enjoy – even our four-legged residents! With Daedalus himself guarding the eastern edge of the park, the western side boasts our inclusive aviation-themed play area.

While we have many more years of work to complete our Vision for the Daedalus site, I am proud of what we have achieved so far and determined that this journey continues to the benefit of residents now and long into the future.



Councillor Seán Woodward
Executive Leader of Council



INTRODUCTION

Daedalus is an important part of the community and holds very special memories for countless people that have passed through it over the years.

When the Council took ownership in 2015, it wanted to take control of its future to ensure that this important site remained an asset for our community. While other decommissioned airfield sites have remained unused or been repurposed for housing, at Fareham there was a huge appetite to create something very special and our Vision for Daedalus was launched.

Daedalus was carefully rebranded to reflect the opportunities there for businesses whilst retaining an important link to its past. Daedalus airfield became Solent Airport @ Daedalus, and the first new business park was named Faraday @ Daedalus.

Millions of pounds have been invested by the Council and our key partners, including Hampshire County Council and the Solent LEP. New infrastructure, including new roads, has been developed to serve the many new business premises which include hangars, manufacturing facilities, and new corporate headquarters.

A skills/innovation cluster led by Fareham College's CEMAST and Fareham Innovation Centre underpins the ethos of sharing and building on knowledge, partnerships and creating pathways for businesses and individuals to progress.

The airport is now CAA-licensed and managed by RCA (Regional and City Airports Ltd). Investment here has resulted in a refurbished control tower; the provision of onsite food and beverages at Cafe @05, improvements to the runway and the installation of runway lighting.

The following pages tell the story of the latest developments at Daedalus and outline the next steps in this very exciting journey.

“ Our vision is for Daedalus to become a premier location for aviation, aerospace engineering and advanced manufacturing businesses, creating many skilled employment opportunities for local people, underpinned by a vibrant and sustainable airfield.

Building on the existing general aviation uses, the airfield will be an attractive destination for visiting aircraft and will offer the hangars, facilities and services to attract more corporate and commercial aviation activities, allowing it to be self-sustaining in the medium term and contribute positively to the local community. ”

HOW ARE WE DOING?

With things moving so quickly at Daedalus it is sometimes easy to forget just how much has happened.

SOLENT AIRPORT



Welcome to Solent Airport



Fuel farm



Control tower and runway improvements



Café @ 05



Viewing area



Play equipment

SKILLS & INNOVATION CLUSTER



CEMAST



CETC



Fareham Innovation Centre extended in 2018



The Bridge Conference Suite...



.. features an outdoor terrace

HOW ARE WE DOING? (continued)

FARADAY@DAEDALUS



New speculative units completed in 2022



UTP (left) and Proptech Aero (right)



Six new hangars completed in 2018



New road network and supporting infrastructure

FARADAY – AN AWARD-WINNING BUSINESS PARK AT DAEDALUS SOLENT ENTERPRISE ZONE



With two awards under its belt for ‘Development of the Year’ and ‘Business Park Innovation of the Year’, Faraday at Daedalus forms part of the Daedalus Solent Enterprise Zone. It is the Borough’s largest employment site, which has already benefited from a multi-million-pound investment programme and is quickly becoming a premier location for businesses.

The units at Faraday are not only ideally located with easy access to sea, air and land transport links, including easy access to the M27, but its modern office space also boasts the highest energy performance rating, solar PV panels, ample on-site parking and the capability for electric vehicle charging.

But don’t just take our word for it – here is what some of our newest tenants have to say:

“ We chose Faraday as it is a modern, well-located site close to Portsmouth and Southampton docks with easy access to the motorway for distribution. All4 Logistics is wanting to generate business within the Hampshire area and is focused on employing people from within the local community. We have a strong customer base in Hampshire and service the plastics, engineering and automotive sectors, supporting our clients with logistics services from warehousing and customs to UK and EU distributions. ”

Caroline Millea Downing
All4 Logistics Director

“ DFS Composites was founded in 2015 and we have evolved into a team of more than a dozen strong, servicing production lines across five different continents. The unit space at Faraday was ideal to house our business with its easy access to road, air and sea. We have an exciting period of growth ahead of us with new jobs becoming available soon and we look forward to helping more customers harness wind power in the future. ”

Feras Yosef, Founder of DFS Composites

“ We are preparing for a period of rapid growth, driven by factors such as new building regulations, the UK’s net zero strategy and rising energy costs. We chose to purchase the unit at Faraday Business Park not only for its easy access to the motorway, but also its energy efficient and forward-thinking design. We have an exciting future ahead of us and look forward to helping more customers achieve their zero-carbon goals. ”

James Bull, Managing Director of UPOWA

“ Parco are delighted to secure these modern premises in the heart of Fareham. It marks a substantial milestone in the growth and development of our business here on the South Coast and how serious our clients are in making a difference. This space will be used as part of everyone’s global responsibility in making this planet a greener place for future generations. The passion we have in building multiple sites on a weekly basis for the vastly growing EV driver is the reason we have taken the tenancy on these premises, and it is ideal for our needs. We look forward to working with Fareham Borough Council in the coming years! ”

Jamie Allen, Director of Parco Civil Engineering and Groundworks Ltd

HIGHLIGHTS

As well as being the most significant commercial development area in the Borough, Daedalus continues to be enjoyed as a real community asset.

In 2017, just two years after taking ownership of the site, Daedalus celebrated its 100th anniversary. The Council did not let this go unnoticed and we were very proud to welcome HRH Princess Anne as part of the year's celebrations.





Two years later the Council hosted D-Day 75 – a fitting event for a location that had seen the highest number of sorties 75 years earlier.

As well as hosting events, Solent Airport has also attracted significant attention from further afield. For example, did you know that the opening credits to one of James Martin's shows was filmed in a Spitfire that took off from Solent Airport? Or that the hangars were used as a base for the spitfires that featured in the film Dunkirk?



CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA



SECURE GATED ENTRANCE



AIRCRAFT HANGERS



BELLMAN HANGERS

STUBBINGTON

STUBBINGTON LANE

B3334

GOSPORT

QUEEN ELIZABETH
PLATINUM JUBILEE

SWORDFISH
BUSINESS PARK

SOLENT
AIRPORT

SIX BUSINESS HANGERS



DRIVING TEST CENTRE



VIEWING AREA

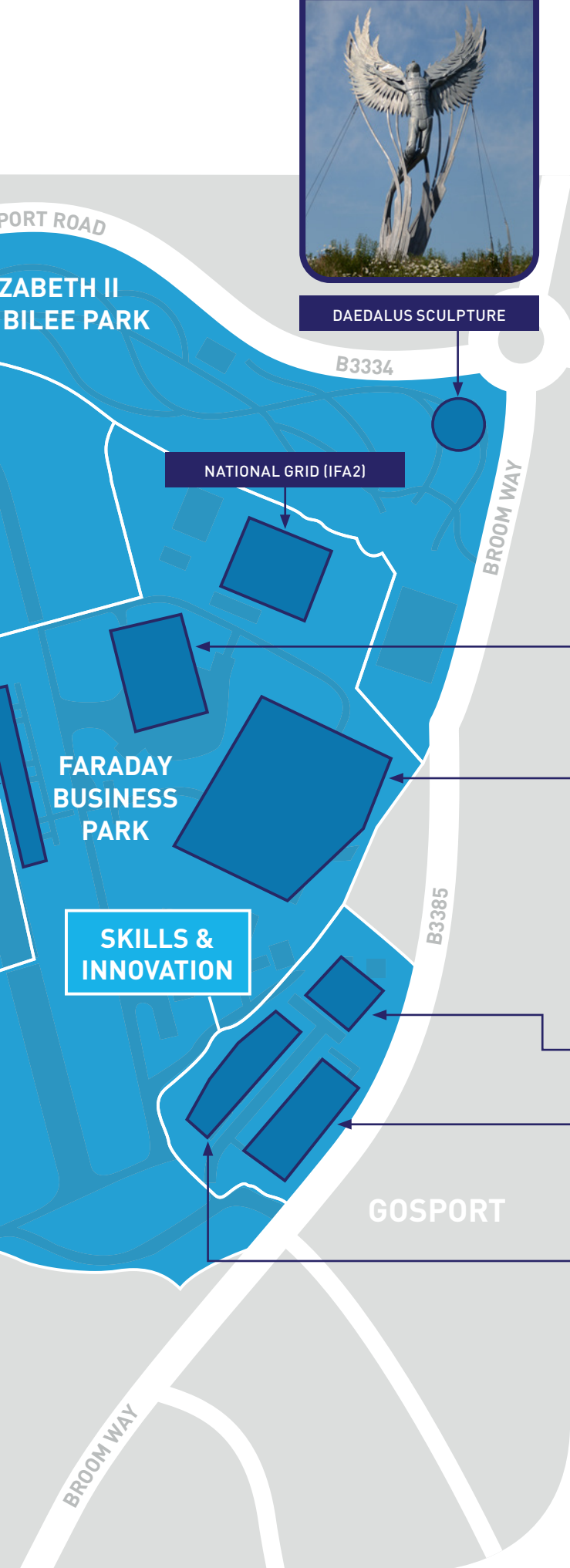
CAR PARK

HM COASTGUARD

CAFE @05

CONTROL TOWER





DAEDALUS SCULPTURE



5 GENERAL AVIATION HANGARS



PURPOSE-BUILT BUSINESS UNITS



CETC



CEMAST

FAREHAM INNOVATION CENTRE



AIRPORT FACILITIES

Our ambitious plans for Solent Airport have been buffeted by headwinds from time to time but today we are proud to offer one of the best general aviation airports in the UK.

Our initial £10M investment went towards vital improvements and repairs for the runway, taxiways and apron, control tower, and aircraft fuelling facilities. We also invested in new hangars, and a new Flight Information Service in 2019 enabled the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) to licence the airport for flights for the purpose of public transport or instruction in flying.

We have partnered with RCA to manage and operate our airport since 2015. They have grown the airport business in a way that respects and attracts the general aviation community while delivering on our ambitions to attract new business, including more corporate and commercial aviation. The airport is twice as busy today as it was when we took it over in 2015 and returns over six times the revenue, while maintaining its exemplary safety record.

Our investment has also paid for the hugely popular Café @ 05 and our Corporate Lounge Facilities:



CAFÉ @ 05

Open to the public all year round, Café @ 05 is located at the centre of activities at Solent Airport's control tower and was first opened in 2018.

The recently refurbished Cafe @ 05 offers a warm and relaxed atmosphere, while still boasting its own viewing area, offering spectacular and unrestricted views across the airport and an up-close feel to the airport activities.

It provides customers with a range of hot and cold refreshments, seven days a week from 9am to 6pm.



CORPORATE LOUNGE FACILITIES

The corporate lounge at Solent Airport provides a restful location for flying visitors to recharge.

With a discreet personalised service, the lounge provides a calm, welcoming environment, offering HD-TV and free WIFI, with complimentary refreshments. Specialist catering services can also be provided, to meet any special needs clients may have.



FUTURE-PROOFING IMPROVEMENTS

Our current £5.5M programme of investment in runway lighting and associated navigation systems, alongside a further round of taxiway maintenance and resurfacing, and fleet investments is nearly complete. The installation of Aeronautical Ground Lighting (AGL) is a gamechanger for the airport and you can read all about this on page 13.

Running an airport carries obvious tensions with the Council's commitment to Climate Change but we are determined to do our bit to reduce its impact on the environment. Our vehicles already run on vegetable oil and our latest investment in the airport fleet hopes to see us offering unleaded aviation fuel to our customers, as well as electric aircraft charging facilities.



AERONAUTICAL GROUND LIGHTING AT SOLENT AIRPORT

The installation of Aeronautical Ground Lighting (AGL) at Solent Airport has been a key objective of the Council's Vision for Daedalus and installation work is now underway.

AGL is a series of lights which run along the length of the main runway and taxiways so that pilots can see where to land their aircraft.

AGL, in conjunction with the Performance Based Navigation instrument-based approach procedure also being developed, will provide certainty that aircraft will always be able to land as planned, despite poor weather or after dark.

It will increase airport movements, improve the airport's revenue position and may also attract new tenants to the airport whose operations rely on this level of certainty.

This, in turn, will generate job opportunities in the Borough and strengthen the role of Daedalus at the heart of Fareham's economy.

Once AGL is installed, the airport will be able to extend its opening hours to 9am-6pm throughout the year, rather than having to close much earlier in the winter months due to poor light.

This major improvement at the airport has led to a further programme of investment to ensure its continued safe operation and to grow its competitive position.

This programme of work includes new airport fuel assets, safety improvements to the Visual Control Room at the Control Tower required by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and upgrades to the runway, taxiways and hangers.

Owned by Fareham Borough Council, Fareham Innovation Centre has gone from strength to strength since it first opened its doors in 2015.



Now home to around 50 technology-led companies including start-ups, the Council appointed Oxford Innovation Space to manage the Centre and to provide expertise and business support to the businesses that are based there.

Centre Director, Stephen Brownlie, explains:

“By providing complimentary strategic advice, our customers are more likely to buck the trend and, crucially, thrive.

By growing, they generate inward investment through the creation of new jobs and the multiplier effect of spending with doorstep and regional supply chains; the local economy resoundingly benefits.”

Two long-standing occupiers, **Psion Consulting** and **LR Animation Studios**, are a template of what can be achieved by way of in-house business support.

Owned and run by Paul Dawson, and following our bespoke business support sessions, Psion Consulting was contracted by a corporate manufacturer to develop advanced software for smart eyewear.

His success was reported in the region’s daily newspaper, with Paul saying:

“The Centre’s business support has been invaluable, from opening doors and unlocking grants to setting up meetings with corporate customers and guidance on to how to conduct negotiations.”

LR Animation, owned and run by Lewis Rogers, makes animated explainer videos for a range of companies and organisations.

Following a business planning strategy, Lewis increased pipeline orders in the UK offshore oil and gas industry, which supports more than 280,000 jobs.

Sharing that success with the same newspaper, Lewis said:

“As anyone who runs a business will know, you get pulled in all directions every day and strategy can take a back seat.

The Innovation Director was the signal through the noise, identifying our value proposition and how to package video explainers as a series for clients and their staff, rather than just one-offs.

This better-business approach paid dividends, with increased orders from the oil and gas industry as well as other sectors.”



As the Centre's owner, Fareham Borough Council has been incredibly supportive of the way we work, which fosters a vibrant ecosystem of entrepreneurialism, innovation, ingenuity, growth and collaboration among go-getting businesses from the engineering, advanced manufacturing, marine, aviation and aerospace industries.

This energising ecosystem includes regular workshops and networking events for occupiers and their staff – sometimes over pizza cooked outside in a wood-fired oven!

Close ties with education have also been made – firms here draw upon work-experience T-Level students from Fareham College and, on the road opposite to us, is the College's Centre for Engineering and Manufacturing Advanced Skills Training (CEMAST).

Undergraduates and post-graduates from the region's universities provide valuable assistance on projects as well.

When we opened the Centre's doors for the first time, back in 2015, we had little idea that the demand for flexible serviced offices, co-working space, workshops, meeting rooms and a conference/events suite would be such that a larger building would be required...

Just three years later, in 2018, the Centre more than doubled in size with a seamless extension.

There are now 55 offices, 20 workshops, meeting rooms and The Bridge, a conference and events space for up to 120 people, with a Mediterranean-style rooftop terrace overlooking Solent Airport.

To date, more than 250 companies have benefitted from working life at the Centre, drawing upon knowledge, expertise, in-house business support and ambition.

Stephen Brownlie, Centre Director, said:

“ You can sense the buzz as soon you walk into reception – there is a pioneering spirit that defines Fareham Innovation Centre. It is a template of how the private and public sectors can work together so successfully. ”





BRISTOW FLYING HIGH AT DAEDALUS

Daedalus has a long history of support for life-saving helicopter Search and Rescue (SAR) operations.

Almost 40 years ago the airfield became home to one of the UK's first civilian SAR teams as responsibility for the service was passed from the Royal Navy to specialist helicopter operators.

Since then the airfield has constantly evolved and in 2008 a new custom-built hangar was created at the site, specifically to support UK SAR operations.

Today this hangar accommodates the team of Bristow pilots, technical crew members, engineers and support staff who operate specialist AW189 aircraft on behalf of the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA). Every day the teams fly operations and training sorties from the base, responding to emergencies and keeping their life-saving skills honed.

Chief Pilot, Captain Rich Norris, said:

“Daedalus is an ideal base for our helicopter SAR operation. Its position means we can get to where we need to be, fast. Perhaps more importantly its history of SAR support means there is a deep understanding here of how the SAR team operate and what we need to respond swiftly, and safely, when lives are at risk. ”





IFA2

One of the largest and most nationally significant innovations in recent years has been the National Grid's Interconnexion France/Angleterre 2 (IFA2) high voltage interconnector.

Located on the boundary of Solent Airport at Daedalus, IFA2 is ideally located for the connection of power sources to and from the French mainland. This is achieved through 149 miles of underground and under-sea high voltage cabling and ensures the reliable and efficient provision of sustainable power throughout the UK network, with back-up during times when the network may be under strain.

It is also a vital low-carbon opportunity to supplement the power infrastructure of the UK and the Council is proud to be in a position to facilitate this, given its own commitment to be carbon neutral across its buildings and services by 2030.

Construction began in 2018 and it was successfully commissioned and declared fully operational in January 2021. IFA2 is a truly impressive feat of engineering and only the second interconnector of its type in existence.



QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE PARK

Part of the obligations relating to the IFA2 project was the National Grid's investment in a new 40-acre park on the site at Daedalus - dedicated to her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Originally referred to as Daedalus Common, the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Park was opened at Daedalus in December 2022 to benefit the local community, visitors and employees that work nearby.

It features a network of accessible paths and cycle routes, a dog exercise area and various wildlife habitats. There has also been significant shrub and tree planting to enrich it even further for the future with around 21,000

trees planted on the site. A special memorial tree was also planted for the late Queen Elizabeth II, using mulch from the condolence flowers that were laid by local residents following her passing.

This superb and accessible open space is further enhanced by the children's aviation-themed play area adjacent to the entrance as well as VE and VJ commemorative seats and the striking eight-metre high sculpture of Daedalus himself.

For more information, go to:
www.fareham.gov.uk/daedalus



A LAUNCH PAD FOR FUTURE GROWTH/ AMBITIOUS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

We have exciting plans for the next steps at Daedalus:

BUSINESS PARKS

- Continue the build-out of the northern end of Faraday Business Park to attract and support businesses
- Progress the infrastructure works required to deliver the southern end of Faraday Business Park
- Support the development of Bristow's new Search and Rescue Training facility at Faraday Business Park
- Progress a business case for the development of a 'Next Steps' scheme to accommodate growing businesses
- Begin the master planning of Swordfish Business Park and associated infrastructure works
- Seek to Introduce facilities for business park occupiers such as a complementary food and beverage offer

SOLENT AIRPORT

- Develop a growth plan to expand corporate, rotary and military air traffic
- Consider airspace change certification to enable drone operations alongside manned aviation traffic
- Market the airport to new aircraft operators and Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) businesses
- Progress the installation of Performance Based Navigation
- Upgrade the Visual Control Room at the Control Tower
- Plan and implement Airport Operator arrangements
- Develop a business case for investing in additional airport infrastructure, such as aircraft parking
- Develop a business case for additional hangars for commercial uses and managed hangarage
- Market the location for commercial filming and photography

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- Support events and festivals
- Prepare plans and a business case to provide a heritage facility

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Investigate opportunities for electric vehicle charging and renewable energy across the entire site
- Introduce alternative aviation fuels and power services, including UL91 unleaded fuel supply and electric aircraft charging

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 04 March 2024

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| Portfolio: | Policy and Resources |
| Subject: | Citizen of Honour Nominations 2024 |
| Report of: | Assistant Director (Democracy) |
| Corporate Priorities: | Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities |

Purpose:

This report presents nominations for consideration under the Council's annual Citizen and Young Citizen of Honour Awards 2024.

Executive summary:

The Citizen of Honour Award was introduced in November 1996. Five years later, the scheme was extended to recognise the efforts of younger residents under the age of 18 through the Young Citizen of Honour Award.

Over the last 27 years, the award has honoured 112 residents of the Borough, with nominations being received from all areas of Fareham.

This year, the Council has received 10 nominations overall. There are 7 nominations for the Citizen of Honour Award (18 and over) and 3 nominations for the Young Citizen of Honour Award (under 18).

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is recommended that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) no more than two candidates are selected from the attached nominations to be formally recognised as Citizen of Honour 2024;
- (b) no more than one candidate is selected from the attached nominations as Young Citizen of Honour (under 18); and
- (c) subject to (a) and (b) above, which candidates be selected to receive the annual Citizen of Honour and Young Citizen of Honour Awards for 2024.

Reason:

The Citizen of Honour and Young Citizen of Honour Awards are valuable initiatives for rewarding local residents for their community service and for recognising the important contribution and difference that they have made to the lives of others. The Young Citizen of Honour category also recognises young people who have overcome severe personal difficulties or who give up their time to care for family or friends.

Cost of proposals:

All costs will be met through existing resources attached to this initiative.

**Appendices: A: **Confidential: Citizen of Honour Nominations 2024
Age 18 and over**

**B: **Confidential: Young Citizen of Honour Nominations
2024 Age under 18**

****NOT FOR PUBLICATION by virtue of Paragraphs 1 & 2 of
Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972
in that the information contained in this report relates to an
individual(s) and is also likely to reveal the identity of that
individual(s).**

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Executive Briefing Paper

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| Date: | 04 March 2024 |
| Subject: | Citizen of Honour Nominations 2024 |
| Briefing by: | Assistant Director (Democracy) |
| Portfolio: | Policy and Resources |

INTRODUCTION

1. The Citizen of Honour Award was initially introduced by the former Grants Sub-Committee on 25 November 1996. The Young Citizen of Honour Award was introduced in 2001.
2. The primary reason for the awards is to show the Council's gratitude in recognition of the voluntary, unpaid service to the community made by adult Borough residents. The awards also recognise young Borough residents aged under 18 who have shown bravery in their lives or have helped other people.
3. To demonstrate the importance and distinction of these awards, they are presented to the winners at the Mayor Making ceremony each year by the outgoing Mayor.
4. The award winners and their guests are then invited to a private reception, held in their honour in the Mayor's Parlour, on a date after Mayor Making, where the new Mayor presents each person with their Citizen of Honour certificate. The award winners are also asked to sign the Roll of Honour and their names are added to the Fareham Borough Council webpage.

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

5. In order to encourage greater participation in the scheme, a marketing campaign was put in place to promote the awards through a range of different communication channels both online and offline.
6. The awards were promoted on Council Connect. Various 'Tweets' and 'Posts' were placed on Twitter and Facebook. Posts on Facebook were boosted and targeted those who are 'friends' with the Council on the site, as well as those that are 'friends' with them.
7. Posters were displayed on bus shelters along Newgate Lane and in the town centre. Posters were also displayed in frames outside the Civic Offices, car parks and A5 posters were placed on the borough's 43 noticeboards.
8. A press release and press release reminders were sent to the local media.

9. All information about the scheme is on the Council's website and was shown on the main story rotator on the landing page at various points throughout the campaign.
10. Campaign information and nomination forms were sent to local schools and community groups.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2024 AWARDS

11. This year, the council has received 10 nominations overall. There are 7 nominations for the Citizen of Honour Award (over 18 years old) and 3 nominations for the Young Citizen of Honour Award (under 18 years old).

SELECTION PROCESS

12. All Members are positively encouraged to be involved in the Citizen of Honour selection process by making representations at the Executive or by contacting Executive members.
13. To assist with wider participation, the Corporate Services Manager has contacted all councillors to highlight the Citizen of Honour report on the agenda and to encourage them to make representations to the Executive.

OFFICIAL PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

14. In order to retain the profiles of the awards, they will be presented during the Annual Council Meeting before the commencement of the Mayor Making Ceremony in May this year. The winners will also receive invitations to the Mayor Making lunch and to a reception in the Mayor's Parlour, where the Roll of Honour will be signed, and certificates will be presented.

FORMAL DECORATIONS

15. The official award presented to the winners of each of the categories is an enamelled pin decoration engraved with the winner's name, a framed certificate and a family ticket to a show of their choice at Fareham Live.

OFFICIAL CITIZEN OF HONOUR DUTIES

16. The winners of each of the awards are invited to a number of civic functions as guests of the Mayor. Currently these are the annual Civic Service, the Remembrance Day service and any special or ad-hoc events that may be arranged in the year of the award.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

17. The fund of this awards scheme will continue to be met from resources allocated within the Civic Ceremonials budget.

PROPOSAL

18. The Executive is requested to consider all the nominations as presented and select two successful candidates to be formally recognised as Citizens of Honour 2024, and one young person aged under 18 to be recognised as Young Citizen of Honour for 2024.

RISK ASSESSMENT

19. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report.

CONCLUSION

20. Since their inception, the Citizen of Honour and Young Citizen of Honour Award schemes have recognised the tremendous voluntary work and selfless, courageous acts performed by local residents of Fareham.
21. This report presents the nominations received for the Citizen of Honour and Young Citizen of Honour Awards 2024 and requests that the Executive considers and selects the winning nominees.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS/CARBON IMPACT ASSESSMENT

22. The subject matter of this report is not anticipated to have an impact on the Council's carbon footprint, nor is it expected to have a detrimental or beneficial impact to the wider environment.

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