

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA

STREETSCENE SCRUTINY PANEL

Date: Tuesday, 30 July 2024

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Members:

Councillor Miss T Harper (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs P K Hayre (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors C A Bainbridge
Mrs L E Clubley
Mrs K Mandry
Mrs J Needham
K Wiltshire

Deputies: R N Bird
L J Whittle



1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel held on 21 March 2024

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest and Disclosures of Advice or Directions

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

5. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been received.

6. Executive Business (Pages 9 - 10)

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

(1) Holly Hill Woodland Park Restoration (Pages 11 - 12)

7. Introduction to the Panel and Portfolio Services (Pages 13 - 14)

Members will receive a presentation by the Director of Neighbourhoods which will outline the role of the Panel and provide an overview of the Streetscene portfolio services.

8. Simpler Recycling Update (Pages 15 - 16)

The Panel will receive an update by the Director of Neighbourhoods in respect Government plans to introduce Simpler Recycling arrangements.

9. Fleet Performance (Pages 17 - 18)

The Panel will receive a presentation which will update members on Fleet Performance.

10. Streetscene Scrutiny Panel Priorities (Pages 19 - 20)

To provide an opportunity for Members to consider the scrutiny priorities for the Streetscene Panel.



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Minutes of the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 21 March 2024

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Miss T G Harper (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs P Hayre (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Ms C Bainbridge, Mrs L E Clubley, J M Englefield,
Mrs C L A Hockley and Mrs K Mandry

Also Present: Councillor Mrs K K Trott (for item 7) and I Bastable (for item 9)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2024 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

Councillor J M Englefield declared a pecuniary interest in item 8 on the agenda as he leases an allotment in Locks Heath. He remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion of the item as the report was for noting only and no decisions were taken by the Panel.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

(1) Introducing Simpler Recycling in Fareham

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

7. MOTION: PROSTATE CANCER UK'S 'BINS FOR BOYS' CAMPAIGN

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs K K Trott addressed the Panel on this item.

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Neighbourhoods which outlined the Council's current provision of sanitary waste bins in male public toilets across the Council's own buildings. The report also set out the implications of supporting the Motion presented to Council by Councillor Mrs K K Trott on 14 December 2023 in respect of Prostate Cancer UK's 'Bins for Boys' campaign.

Members were supportive of the current trial that is being undertaken and discussed the need to ensure that the publicity surrounding the Council's position is timely and appropriate.

RESOLVED that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel:

- (a) notes that the current trial, as detailed at paragraph 10 of the report, will be continued for a period of 12 months;

(b) notes that a further report will be brought forward for consideration once the results of the trial are known; and

(c) recommends that points 2, 3 and 4 of the motion, as detailed at paragraph 1 of the report, be taken forward.

8. ALLOTMENTS UPDATE

Councillor J M Englefield declared a pecuniary interest in this item as he leases an allotment in Locks Heath. He remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion of this item as the report was for noting only and no decisions were taken by the Panel.

The Panel received a presentation by the Public Spaces Operations Manager which provided information for members on the current allotment provision within Fareham, site management arrangements and updated waiting list numbers. A copy of the presentation slides is attached at Appendix A to these minutes.

RESOLVED that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the presentation.

9. STREETSCENE SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor I J Bastable, Executive Member for Streetscene, addressed the Panel on this item.

In discussing the scrutiny priorities for the Panel, it was agreed that a comprehensive update on the provision of facilities and enforcement performance in respect of dog fouling and graffiti be added to the scrutiny priorities for a future meeting of the Panel.

RESOLVED that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel reviewed the priorities for the Panel.

(The meeting started at 6.01 pm
and ended at 6.55 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date

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Streetscene Scrutiny Panel

Date 30 July 2024

Subject: **EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

SUMMARY

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

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

The relevant notices for decisions taken are attached for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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2024/25
Decision No.
2540

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 3 June 2024

Portfolio	Streetscene
Subject:	Holly Hill Woodland Park Restoration
Report of:	Director of Neighbourhoods
Corporate Priority:	Leisure Opportunities for Wellbeing and Fun; Respond to Climate Change and Protect the Environment

Purpose:

The report seeks approval for a capital programme allocation towards a programme of improvements to Holly Hill Woodland Park to preserve and enhance this important heritage, ecological and recreational site.

Holly Hill Woodland Park is a 19th century water garden designed by Henry Milner in the 1880s, superseding an earlier design by Joseph Paxton. The park consists of a number of terraced lakes and ponds. The waterfalls, cascades and grotto are made in Pulhamite – a patented anthropic rock material invented by James Pulham that was widely used for rock gardens and grottos in the last quarter of the 19th century.

This 36-hectare woodland park is Fareham’s largest public open space and, as such, is an important site for the Council’s carbon mitigation, in addition to the many recreational and health benefits that the site provides.

In 2021, the Executive approved an interim mitigation scheme focusing on green space provision and enhancements in the Borough to relieve recreational disturbance in the New Forest and, as part of this scheme, a landscape architect was appointed to oversee a design masterplan for the management, restoration, conservation and enhancement of the pond, sunken garden and lake system of Holly Hill Woodland Park.

Findings from the initial survey work showed that much more work than was originally considered necessary would be required to stabilise the banks, rebuild important historical landscape features, and slow down the silting of the lakes. This work would also help to reduce any future safety risks on site that are likely to develop without this intervention.

An Expression of Interest was submitted to the National Heritage Lottery Fund in February 2024 and the Council has now been invited to submit a full application for the project.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) supports initial public consultation and the submission of an application to the National Heritage Lottery Fund to restore the important heritage and infrastructure features at Holly Hill Woodland Park;
- (b) approves a new capital allocation of £2,046,000 for the restoration works at Holly Hill Woodland Park;
- (c) approves the use of £425,000 of unallocated S106 contributions that have already been received and are relevant for this project and £436,000 in future CIL receipts, in addition to the £195,000 New Forest mitigation funding already allocated, to match fund the Major Works Scheme if the lottery application is successful; and
- (d) approves the use of up to £425,000 of unallocated S106 contributions, in addition to the £195,000 New Forest funding already allocated, for silt removal works on the site and the sunken garden refurbishment, should the lottery application be unsuccessful.

Reason:

To undertake a programme of improvements at Holly Hill Woodland Park that will enhance the visitor experience, preserve one of the largest and most visited open spaces in Fareham and deliver the objectives of the Council's interim New Forest mitigation scheme, adopted in 2021.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SD Martin (Executive Leader)

Monday, 3 June 2024

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Presentation to The Streetscene Scrutiny Panel

Date: 30 July 2024

Subject: Introduction to the Panel and Portfolio Services

SUMMARY

Members will receive a presentation by the Director of Neighbourhoods which will outline the role and function of the Panel and provide an overview of the Streetscene Portfolio services.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members note the content of the presentation.

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Presentation to Streetscene Scrutiny Panel

Date: 30 July 2024

Subject: Simpler Recycling

SUMMARY

The presentation by the Director of Neighbourhoods provides information for Members on the Government's requirements to standardise waste collections across the United Kingdom, the implications for Fareham and the issues around implementation.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the presentation.

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**Presentation to
Streetscene Scrutiny Panel**

Date: 30 July 2024

Subject: Fleet Performance

SUMMARY

The presentation by the Transport Manager provides information for Members on the performance of the Council's fleet in 2023/24.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the presentation.

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Report to Streetscene Scrutiny Panel

Date: 30 July 2024

Subject: Scrutiny Panel Priorities

SUMMARY

Members are asked to consider the Panel's Scrutiny Priorities. The main purpose of these priorities is set out in the Council's Corporate Strategy and Portfolio Responsibilities. In addition to this the Panel is also responsible for scrutinising service performance.

Consideration may also be given to external organisations and items of Executive Business which may formulate a future topic for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members consider the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel Priorities and make suggestions on future topics for consideration.

