

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2018/19
Decision No.
2075

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 3 December 2018

Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Provision of Highway Development Planning Advice
Report of:	Director of Planning & Regulation
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Protect and enhance the environment

Purpose:

To update the Executive on Hampshire County Council's proposed reduction in funding for the delivery of highway development planning advice.

To seek approval to terminate the agreement with Hampshire County Council for the delivery of highway development planning advice.

Fareham Borough Council currently exercises some of the powers of the Highway Authority (Hampshire County Council) in respect of 'highway development planning'. These powers to act on behalf of the County Council are granted through a formal agency agreement entered into by Fareham Borough Council in March 2009.

The highway development planning powers exercised on behalf of Hampshire County Council include providing advice on 'non-strategic' planning applications and pre-application planning enquiries.

Under the agency agreement, Hampshire County Council provides a budget allocation for delivering these functions on its behalf. This budget allocation has been reduced in recent years. For the next financial year (2019/20) Hampshire County Council is proposing a further reduction in the current budget allocation to Fareham Borough Council of approximately 45% to £18,000 per annum.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves the termination of the agreement with Hampshire County Council for the delivery of highway development planning advice.

Reason:

The reduction in budget allocation by Hampshire County Council would result in Fareham Borough Council subsidising a County Council service which can be delivered by the County at no cost to this Council.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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