

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

**Date:** Wednesday, 24 January 2024

**Venue:** Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor** M J Ford, JP (Chairman)

**Councillor** Mrs P M Bryant (Vice-Chairman)

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

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



**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. MINUTES**

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

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OR ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS**

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

**5. DEPUTATIONS**

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

**6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

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

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

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

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

**7. PETITION - MIDDLE ROAD, PARK GATE CAR PARK**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **9. AIR QUALITY UPDATE**

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

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

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

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

**10. HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES**

Members discussed the scrutiny priorities for the Panel.

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

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

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

..... Chairman

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