

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Date: Monday, 14 October 2024

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor S Dugan (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs J Needham (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs S M Bayford, J M Englefield, Mrs P K Hayre, Mrs K Mandry
and D P Wiltshire

Also Present: Councillor P M Nother (Item 12)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies of absence.

2. MINUTES

Councillor Mrs Bayford addressed the Panel on this item and referred to item 8 of the previous minutes where a request was made for a visit to the Innovation Centre. The visit had taken place and she thanked officers for arranging this.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 17 July 2024 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements made at this meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTION

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. FAREHAM INNOVATION CENTRE - ANNUAL OPERATOR REPORT

The Panel received a presentation from Stephen Brownlie and Anna Bravington from Oxford Innovation on an Annual Report of Fareham Innovation Centre. (A copy of this presentation is appended to these minutes).

Councillor Mrs P Hayre enquired as to whether the support that is offered to the businesses in the Innovation Centre is provided at a cost to them. Stephen Brownlie confirmed that it is paid for as part of the licence agreement.

The Panel passed on their thanks to Stephen and Anna for their visit to the Innovation Centre that afternoon.

RESOLVED that, the Panel: -

(a) Note the content of the presentation; and

(b) Thanked Stephen Brownlie and Anna Bravington for their informative presentation.

7. SOLENT AIRPORT ANNUAL OPERATOR REPORT

The Panel received a presentation from Marshall Barrand of RCA on the annual report for Solent Airport. (A copy of this presentation is appended to these minutes).

Councillor Mrs Bayford enquired as to how the relationship with the residential areas is going. Marshall Barrant addressed the Panel to confirm that there are still complaints being received from some residents and that the Airport will be introducing a stage 2 complaint process to allow individuals the right to respond.

The Chairman enquired as to whether there has been any thought to targeting events such as those held at Goodwood, to bring in more revenue. Marshall Barrant confirm that some marketing is currently being looked into to target such events.

Councillor Mrs Mandry enquired as to whether Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance will use Solent Airport for fuelling now that they are relocating to Southampton. Marshall Barrant informed the Panel that they will be offered a discount to fuel at Solent Airport.

RESOLVED that the Panel: -

- (a) Note the content of the presentation; and
- (b) Thank Marshall Barrant for his informative presentation.

8. DAEDALUS OUTTURN REPORT

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Planning and Regeneration on the Daedalus capital and revenue outturn for 2023/24.

The Chairman stated the objective of the Daedalus site was to be self-funding, and enquired as to whether this has been achieved yet. The Technical Finance and Development Manager addressed the Panel and confirmed that unlike in the early years where it had made deficits, the Daedalus site is now creating a surplus.

The Panel requested greater clarity on other expenses be reported in future outturn reports to the Panel.

RESOLVED that the Panel noted the content of the report.

9. SCRUTINY PRIORITIES

The Director of Planning and Regeneration addressed the Panel on this item and referred to members to item 8 of the previous minutes which listed upcoming items for the Panel to consider. He confirmed that at the next meeting of the Panel there will be an update on the Airport Investment Programme.

Councillor Mrs Needham requested an overview to the presented to the Panel which provides an update on the progress that has been made at the Daedalus site since it was acquired 10 years ago. The Director of Planning and Regeneration confirmed that this can be brought to a future meeting of the Panel.

10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the public and representatives of the press be excluded 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 Paragraph 3, Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

11. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Panel considered the Executive items of business which falls under the remit of the Policy and Resources Portfolio, specifically in relation to Daedalus, including Executive Member decisions and Officer delegated decisions that have taken place since the last meeting of the Panel.

The Panel considered the decision at item 10(1).

(1) CONFIDENTIAL - Purchase of Strategic Land at Faraday Business Park (South) - Updated Position

There were no comments received.

12. PRESENTATION ON AIRFIELD - PROCUREMENT OF FUTURE OPERATOR

The Panel received a presentation from the Daedalus Programme Lead (Airside) on the procurement of the future operator of the Airfield.

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

RESOLVED that the Panel noted the content of the report.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.45 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date