

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 7 July 2014

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Cams Alders Recreation Ground - Vision for New Sports Facilities
Report of:	Director of Community
Strategy/Policy:	Community Engagement Strategy
Corporate Objectives:	Strong and Inclusive Communities

Purpose:

To consider proposals for developing a vision for new and improved sports facilities and enhancements to the public open space at The Cams Alders Recreation Ground.

Cams Alders Recreation Ground is situated in South Fareham and is one of the largest open space areas for formal outdoor sport in the Council's ownership. The site is approximately 14 hectares with sports pitches and a mix of built facilities.

The existing sports facilities are tired and dated and both Fareham Town Football Club and Fareham Heathens Rugby Club, who are the main sports users, are seeking help and support from the Council to deliver new and improved facilities.

The site is an important area of public open space and has the potential to provide modern quality sports facilities and high quality public open space, which will benefit residents of the Borough and increase participation in physical activity.

If the site is to accommodate new sports facilities and enhancement to the open space it will be essential to ensure the long term viability of the facilities and to take into account the needs of the wider community.

It is considered that this will be best achieved by the Council leading on the preparation of a vision for the site in partnership with the different user groups as a prelude to any re-development proposals being considered.

Options Considered: As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOVLED that the Executive agrees to:

- (a) establish a steering group to develop a vision for new and improved sports facilities and enhancements to the public open space at Cams Alders Recreation Ground, as set out in paragraph 27 of the report; and
- (b) appoint Councillor M J Ford, JP to act as chairman for the group.

Reason:

To inform any future decision to re-develop the sports facilities on the site, ensuring that appropriate consideration is given to the needs of the wider community and the long term sustainably of any new sports facilities.

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Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	The Centenary Fields
Report of:	Director of Community
Strategy/Policy:	Community Engagement Strategy
Corporate Objectives:	Strong and Inclusive Communities

Purpose:

To advise the Executive about the Centenary Fields Programme and to seek approval to nominate Sarisbury Green as a dedicated Fields in trust site.

The Centenary Fields programme is a nationwide initiative aimed at protecting recreational spaces in perpetuity, to honour the memory of those who lost their lives in World War I.

The Programme aims to encourage every local authority in the UK to nominate at least one recreational space to be dedicated as a Centenary Field to commemorate this historic event and create a tangible legacy that will be valued by the local community for generations to come.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees to nominate Sarisbury Green for the Centenary Fields Programme.

Reason:

To participate in the Centenary Fields Programme.

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Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Coldeast Swimming Pool: Project Governance Arrangements
Report of:	Director of Community
Strategy/Policy:	Community Portfolio
Corporate Objectives:	Leisure for Health and Fun

Purpose:

To update Members on the progress of the Coldeast Swimming Pool project and to seek approval for the proposed governance arrangements, including setting up a Project Member Working Group and certain delegations of authority to ensure that the project can proceed within the agreed timescales.

Swimming is a sport enjoyed by many people and brings enormous health benefits. The provision of a swimming pool in the Western Wards has been a high corporate priority for a number of years.

In April 2014, the Executive agreed an outline project brief and project funding to deliver a new swimming pool at Coldeast.

Overall, the project contains some very challenging timescales with an aspiration to complete the Swimming Pool by April 2016. Work has already commenced on the procurement process to appoint (1) a Project Manager, (2) a Design and Build Contractor and (3) a Leisure Consultant to input to the design of the new facility and lead on the procurement of the future operator.

This report describes the progress to date and sets out the proposed decision making structure for the project, including the setting up of a member Working Group.

Options Considered: As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) agrees the governance and decision-making structure as set out in appendix A to the report; and
- (b) agrees the composition of the Project Member Working Group and appoints Councillor T M Cartwright as Chairman with Councillors B Bayford, D C S Swanbrow and R H Price, JP as members of the group with Councillor Mrs K K Trott as deputy for Councillor Price.

Reason:

To enable the project to proceed in line with the proposed timescales whilst ensuring Member involvement and scrutiny.

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Portfolio	Planning and Development	
Subject:	Response to Consultation - Stubbington Bypass	
Report of:	Director of Planning & Development	
Strategy/Policy:	Local Plan: Adpoted Core Strategy (August 2011) & Submission Development Sites and Policies Plan (June 2014)	
Corporate Objectives:	Protect and Enhance the Environment Maintain and Extend Prosperity	

Purpose:

To consider and approve the Council's response to Hampshire County Council's consultation on Highway Proposals for Improving Access to Fareham and Gosport, including a new Stubbington Bypass, improvements to the southern section of Newgate Lane, the Peel Common Roundabout and the A27 corridor between Titchfield Gyratory and Segensworth.

This report is Fareham Borough Council's response to the Hampshire County Council's proposals to improve access to Fareham and Gosport by implementing a programme of highway improvements, including Stubbington Bypass, which are currently undergoing a public consultation exercise.

Fareham Borough Council supports the comprehensive programme approach adopted by Hampshire County Council in developing proposals for four major highway improvement schemes in the Borough, in addition to supporting delivery of the individual schemes in the County's programme.

From the data currently available, the Council believes that the preferred schemes would achieve the programme objectives, particularly in relation to relieving existing traffic bottlenecks and congestion. It is envisaged that Peel Common Roundabout and the southern section of Newgate Lane would contribute to supporting development of the Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus.

Notwithstanding this, Fareham Borough Council would welcome further dialogue with the County Council in order to gain a better understanding of the benefits and impacts of the individual schemes in more detail.

Fareham Borough Council understands that obtaining the funding required to

implement these schemes is challenging, and will continue to support Hampshire County Council and the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership in securing the necessary funds for these schemes as appropriate.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

The Executive Leader declared a non-pecuniary interest for item 9(1) Response to Consultation – Stubbington Bypass as he is the Hampshire County Council Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment. He remained present throughout the meeting, took no part in the discussion and did not vote on the decision.

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillors A Mandry and T G Knight addressed the Executive on this item.

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) notes the public consultation currently being carried out by Hampshire County Council on highway proposals for Improving Access to Fareham and Gosport, as outlined in the attached Appendix A;
- (b) agrees the proposed consultation response as set out from paragraph 11 of the Executive Briefing Paper;
- (c) delegates authority to the Director of Planning and Development, in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Development to finalise the response to Hampshire County Council, incorporating any minor additions or amendments; and
- (d) agrees that the response be sent as soon as possible to Hampshire County Council, and in any event prior to the end of the Consultation period on 4 August 2014.

Reason:

To influence the development of Hampshire County Council's current highway proposals, including preferred route options, for improving access to Fareham and Gosport and ensuring that the Authority is fully engaged and that the public are consulted on emerging proposals.

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Portfolio	Policy and Resources
Subject:	Welborne Infrastructure Funding Strategy
Report of:	Director of Finance & Resources
Strategy/Policy:	Fareham Borough Council Local Plan
Corporate Objectives:	Maintain and extend prosperity Leisure for health and fun A balanced housing market Strong and inclusive communities Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

To seek endorsement for the Infrastructure Funding Strategy for Welborne, prepared by the Council's consultants (GVA Financial Consulting) and to agree an update to the Council's position statement on Infrastructure Funding.

The Welborne Infrastructure Funding Strategy (IFS) forms an important part of the Council's strategy for ensuring the successful delivery of the new community; when combined with the outcomes of work completed to prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan and economic viability appraisal it will help demonstrate the deliverability of the proposal.

Building on the Outline IFS completed in Mach 2013, the Council's consultants have prepared an IFS that includes a range of options available to the Council, the prospective developers and other parties to support the delivery of infrastructure for Welborne. The report includes modelling of the impact of some of these options on scheme viability and recommendations on which options should (or could) be progressed further as the details of the development emerge (at which stage it may be necessary to update this IFS). The IFS is now recommended to the Executive for approval, to be published to support the evidence base previously submitted to support the Welborne Plan at Examination.

Options Considered: As recommendation.

Decision:

At the agreement of the Executive Leader, comments on the Welborne Infrastructure Funding Strategy were received on behalf of the site promoters and were taken into account in determining this item and an additional recommendation was received (as appended to these minutes).

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor Mrs K K Trott addressed the Executive on this item.

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) notes the Infrastructure Funding Strategy report attached at Appendix A to the report and agrees that it be published to support the Council's overall strategy for the delivery of Welborne;
- (b) agrees the update to the Council's position statement on infrastructure funding for Welborne attached at the Appendix B to this report; and
- (c) that the Director of Finance and Resources, after consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources and the Director of Planning and Development, be authorised to make any appropriate amendments to *Infrastructure Funding Strategy Position Statement Update*, prior to publication, provided that these do not change the overall direction, shape or emphasis of the document, and do not raise any significant new issues.

Reason:

To provide further detail on the Council's overall strategy for the delivery of the Welborne new community.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Efficiency Savings
Report of:	Director of Finance & Resources
Strategy/Policy:	Corporate Strategy
Corporate Objectives:	Dynamic, Prudent and Progressive Council

Purpose:

The purpose of the report is to outline proposals for further efficiency savings to be captured during the 2014/15 financial year. The Council is required to realise approximately £800,000 of savings for a balanced budget for 2015/16.

When considering the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy in October 2013, the Executive recognised an approximate £800,000 gap in the Council's budget for 2015/16 and requested the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and bring forward a range of options to close the budget gap.

A report was presented to the Executive in March 2014, presenting proposals for £777,000 of efficiency savings. This report sets out proposals for further savings.

The 2013 Residents' Survey included a question asking residents to list the five services, which they regarded as the most important, and a further five services that they regarded as the least important. This report has used the results of this question and presents options to realise additional savings to close the gap between the savings required and the amount that has been identified to date.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

During the debate on this item, the Executive Member for Leisure and Community placed on record her thanks to the staff of the Tourist Information Centre for all their hard work and commitment.

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) to reduce the annual budget for Community Grants to £80,000 per year;
- (b) that the annual funding for the Tourist Information Centre be removed from 2015/16, delivering a saving of £36,000 per annum; and
- (c) that the Council becomes a destination partner with Tourism South East at a cost of £1,500 per annum.

Reason:

To achieve the necessary savings in the 2014/15 financial year to deliver a balanced budget for the 2015/16 financial year.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Daedalus Investment Project - Progress Update
Report of:	Director of Finance & Resources
Strategy/Policy:	
Corporate Objectives:	To promote the economic success of the Borough

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to update Members on progress with the Daedalus Investment project.

In July 2013, the Executive supported a proposal to develop an Innovation Centre for new start up businesses at the Solent Enterprise Zone, undertake improvements to the airfield and develop new hangar space. In October 2013, the Executive agreed revised funding arrangements for the project and in November 2013 agreed a governance and decision-making structure and the establishment of a Member Working Group to oversee the project.

The project contained some very challenging timescales, principally the requirement to complete the Innovation Centre by the end of March 2015. This aspect of the project is progressing extremely well. Planning consent was granted on 26 March 2014 and site preparation works commenced on 12 May. Construction work on the site commenced on 2 June and the completion date is programmed for early March 2015. A procurement process is currently under way with a view to appointing an operator for the centre during the summer of 2014.

The work to improve the runway is still planned to commence during September 2014 and be complete by the end of November 2014. This will minimise disruption to planned airfield activities during the summer months. The specification for the works is intended to enable the airfield operator to obtain a CAA licence which will enhance its commercial potential.

Work has been ongoing with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) to identify a suitable location on the airfield for the development of new hangar space. This is dependent on agreement of an overall strategy for the airfield between the HCA, FBC and other interested parties including Hampshire County Council (HCC), the

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Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (SLEP) and the airfield operator. As a result it is now likely that new hangar space will be delivered during the latter half of 2015.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive notes the progress made to date on the Daedalus Investment Project.

Reason:

To keep the Executive abreast of the progress on the Daedalus Investment project.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources	
Subject:	Actual General Fund Revenue Expenditure 2013/14	
Report of:	Director of Finance & Resources	
Strategy/Policy:	Finance Strategy	
Corporate Objectives:	A dynamic, prudent and progressive Council	

Purpose:

This report provides the Executive with details of the actual revenue expenditure for 2013/14 and seeks approval for the completion, in 2014/15, of the 2013/14 expenditure programmes set out in the briefing paper contained in the report.

The General Fund actual revenue expenditure for 2013/14 totals £8,928,749 which represents an overall saving of £894,551 compared to the revised budget.

With financing adjustments the overall saving for 2013/14 is £966,545. It has not been possible to complete a number of expenditure programmes in 2013/14 and approval is sought to complete these programmes, totalling £397,900, in the current year.

When the use of the saving in 2013/14 to complete these programmes is taken into account the net saving for the year is reduced to £568,645.

The revenue budget report to the Executive on 6 January 2014 highlighted that the Council's spending reserve should be 5% of gross expenditure budget for each financial year. On this basis, the minimum required balance on the reserve for 2014/15 is £2.274million. Any surplus over and above this figure will be dealt with as part of the medium term financial strategy during the budget setting process.

Full details are set out in the briefing paper contained in this report.

Options Considered: As recommendation.

Decision: RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) that completion of the expenditure programmes contained in this report be approved; and
- (b) that the report be noted

Reason:

To enable the completion of the expenditure programme for 2013/14.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources	
Subject:	Actual Housing Revenue Account Expenditure and Financing 2013/14	
Report of:	Director of Finance & Resources	
Strategy/Policy:		
Corporate Objectives:	A Balanced Housing Market A Dynamic, Prudent and Progressive Council	

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Executive with the details of the actual expenditure and income for 2013/14 in the Housing Revenue and Repairs Accounts.

The final figures for 2013/14 show that, overall, the actual deficit on the Housing Revenue Account and Housing Repairs Account is £240,000 compared to a forecast surplus of £547,000. Of this, £852,900 relates to non-capitalised repairs from the capital programme. However, if the requested carry forward are agreed then the deficit will increase to £243,400.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) that the balance on the Housing Revenue and Repairs Accounts as at 31 March 2014 be carried over to 2014/15; and
- (b) that the following budget be carried forward:
 - i. £3,400 Environmental Improvements.

Reason:

To ensure that the balances on the Housing Revenue and Repairs Accounts at 31 March 2014 will be available in future years and that 2014/15 budgets are sufficient to meet the level of work programmed.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources	
Subject:	Actual Capital Expenditure and Financing 2013/14	
Report of:	Director of Finance & Resources	
Strategy/Policy:	Finance Strategy	
Corporate Objectives:	A dynamic, prudent and progressive Council	

Purpose:

This report provides the Executive with details of the actual capital expenditure for the 2013/14 Capital Programme and seeks approval for the proposed methods of financing the actual capital expenditure.

Actual capital expenditure on housing and other services in 2013/14 was £10,796,182 compared with the revised capital programme of £13,430,300. The overall variance was £2,634,118 and a detailed analysis of the variations is given in Appendix A to the report.

Total savings of £467,346 were achieved, additional expenditure of £382,106 was incurred and a total of £2,548,878 will be carried forward into 2014/15.

Details of the various methods used to finance this expenditure are set out in Appendix B to the report.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) that the capital programme for 2013/14 be approved and financed as set out in Appendix B to this report;
- (b) that the individual expenditure incurred, amounting to £382,106 be financed retrospectively from the surplus capital resources; and

(c) that the actual capital expenditure for 2013/14 be noted.

Reason:

To provide the Executive with details of the capital expenditure and financing in 2013/14.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources	
Subject:	Treasury Management Annual Report 2013/14	
Report of:	Director of Finance & Resources	
Strategy/Policy:		
Corporate Objectives:	A dynamic, prudent and progressive Council	

Purpose:

The Annual Report on Treasury Management for 2013/14 has been prepared in order to comply with the reporting requirements of the Code of Practice for Treasury Management produced by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy and adopted by the Council.

The financial year 2013/14 continued the challenging environment of previous years namely low investment returns although levels of counterparty risk had subdued somewhat.

Full details of investment and borrowing activity in 2013/14 are set out in the main body of this report. Investment activity in 2013/14 is summarised below:

	£m
Investments as at 1 April 2013	32.8
Investments made in 2013/14	146.8
Investments repaid in 2013/14	138.8
Investments as at 31 March 2014	40.8

Total investment interest receivable for the year was £431,414. The total of external interest paid on borrowing and other amounts invested with the Council was £1,404,759.

The net total of £973,346 has been allocated to the Council's funds as shown in the following table:

	£
Net amount credited to the General Fund	770,881
Net amount credited to the Whiteley Fund	3,260
Net amount debited to the Housing Revenue Account	(1,747,487)
Net Total	(973,346)

During 2013/14, the Council complied with its legislative and regulatory requirements of the Prudential Code.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive notes the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2013/14.

Reason:

That the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2013/14 be noted.

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Portfolio	Executive Leader
Subject:	Pulheim Twinning 30th Anniversary
Report of:	Director of Finance & Resources
Strategy/Policy:	Community Engagement Strategy
Corporate Objectives:	Strong and Inclusive Communities

Purpose:

To outline proposals for the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Fareham and Pulheim twinning arrangement.

This year is the 30th anniversary of Fareham's twinning with Pulheim, which commenced in March 1984.

In his announcement at the Executive meeting held on 10 February, the Executive Leader requested that officers compile a proposal to mark the occasion, the details of which are within the body of this report.

Officers have now completed this task, and suggest that a Liquid Amber Tree is planted in Westbury Manor gardens to commemorate this special anniversary, and that a tree planting ceremony takes place on Friday 24 October, when a civic contingent from Pulheim are visiting Fareham.

It is suggested that the tree planting ceremony is attended by the Mayor of Fareham, councillors, members of the Fareham and Pulheim Twinning Association, and others who played a part in joining the two towns together by initiating the twinning arrangement.

Following the tree planting ceremony, it is proposed that a reception is held for all guests, and a commemorative scroll is presented to the Mayor of Pulheim.

Options Considered: As recommendation.

Decision:

That the Executive agrees to:

- a) host a tree planting ceremony and reception with a contingent from Pulheim as guests of honour;
- b) plant a Liquid Amber tree, and erect a commemorative plaque in Westbury Manor garden; and
- c) present the Mayor of Pulheim with a commemorative scroll for the 30th anniversary of Fareham and Pulheim twinning.

Reason:

To provide a lasting memorial to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Fareham and Pulheim twinning arrangement.

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