

**Minutes of the
Executive**

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Monday, 7 July 2014

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Present:

S D T Woodward, Policy and Resources (Executive Leader)
B Bayford, Health and Housing
K D Evans, Planning and Development
Mrs C L A Hockley, Leisure and Community
L Keeble, Streetscene

Also in attendance:

Mrs S M Bayford, Chairman of Streetscene Policy Development and Review Panel
Miss S M Bell, Chairman of Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel
Mrs M E Ellerton, Chairman of Health and Housing Policy Development and Review Panel
M J Ford, JP, Chairman of Appeals Committee
T G Knight, Chairman of Audit and Governance Committee; for item 9(1)
A Mandry, Chairman of Planning and Development Policy Development and Review Panel; for item 9(1)
Mrs K Mandry, Chairman of Public Protection Policy Development and Review Panel
D C S Swanbrow, Chairman of Scrutiny Board
Mrs K K Trott, for item 10(1)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T M Cartwright.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 2 June 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Executive Leader confirmed that today's announcement about the successful funding bid for the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership's Strategic Economic Plan and Local Growth Deal was very good news for the Solent area.

Whilst the final funding bid of £237 million was not fully met, the Solent LEP has had confirmation of £124.8million committed funding for 2015/16 and an agreement of provisional funding for the following four years.

The Executive Leader stated that this is excellent news for Fareham as the funding enables the commencement of works on Stubbington Bypass, Peel Common and the whole package of improvements relating to access for Fareham and Gosport, it will also provide funding for creating a new "all moves" junction 10 on the M27 and improvements to Whiteley Way.

It is anticipated that the Growth Deal will attract an estimated £360 million of private sector funding meaning that the total investment package for the Solent area will approach £500 million and will result in the creation of around 5,000 new jobs, 10,000 new homes, 296,000 sq m of employment floor space, 2,500 apprenticeships and 600 businesses supported with the flagship elements for this being situated in Welborne and Daedalus which is very good news for Fareham.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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.

5. PETITIONS

There were no petitions submitted at this meeting.

6. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

7. MINUTES / REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no references given at this meeting.

8. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY

(1) Cams Alders Recreation Ground - Vision for New Sports Facilities

RESOLVED 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.

(2) The Centenary Fields

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

(3) Coldeast Swimming Pool: Project Governance Arrangements

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.

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) Response to Consultation - Stubbington Bypass

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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.

10. POLICY AND RESOURCES

(1) Welborne Infrastructure Funding Strategy

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.

(2) Efficiency Savings

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.

(3) Daedalus Investment Project - Progress Update

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

(4) Actual General Fund Revenue Expenditure 2013/14

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.

(5) Actual Housing Revenue Account Expenditure and Financing 2013/14

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.

(6) Actual Capital Expenditure and Financing 2013/14

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.

(7) Treasury Management Annual Report 2013/14

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

(8) Pulheim Twinning 30th Anniversary

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.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.10 pm).

Fareham Borough Council

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Item 10 (1) Welborne Infrastructure Funding Strategy

Following publication of the above item and supporting appendices, the site promoters have highlighted some concerns they have with the content of the *Infrastructure Funding Strategy* (IFS) prepared by GVA (which forms Appendix A to the Report).

The main (but not only) concern centres on how the *Infrastructure Funding Strategy* presents the impact of public grant funding. The issue is whether public funding leads to significant increases in land value, rather than funding infrastructure that would not otherwise be funded by the private sector.

In addition there are a number of detailed comments requiring points of clarification from GVA.

It should be noted that the GVA report represents their opinion on a range of issues which has helped to inform the Council's Infrastructure Funding Position Statement update – it does not however, set policy. Therefore while it is acknowledged that the advice in the IFS may differ from the site promoters' view on certain issues, GVA's view is clearly set out in the report.

The Council recognises that infrastructure funding requires a coordinated approach by all parties. Having received the GVA report, Council Officers have invited comments from the primary agencies as well as the site promoters, which will be collated and submitted with the GVA report to the Planning Inspector undertaking the Welborne Plan Examination

With this in mind, it is sensible to ensure that the Council's *Infrastructure Position Statement Update* (which forms Appendix B to this item) is finalised, having taken into account the comments made by the site promoters where appropriate. To that end, an additional recommendation (c) to the Executive report is proposed as follows:

Additional Recommendation (c)

(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.

