

**Minutes of the
Executive**

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Monday, 3 December 2018

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Present:

S D T Woodward, Policy and Resources (Executive Leader)
T M Cartwright, MBE, Health and Public Protection (Deputy
Executive Leader)
F Birkett, Housing
Miss S M Bell, Leisure and Community
K D Evans, Planning and Development
S D Martin, Streetscene

Also in attendance:

P J Davies, for Item 8(1)
Mrs C L A Hockley, for Item 9(1)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies given for this meeting.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 05 November 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Executive Leader announcements given at this meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor S D T Woodward declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in respect of Item 9(2) – Hampshire Physical Activity Strategy 2017-21 as he is a Hampshire County Council Appointed Trustee of 'Energise Me'.

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**Leisure & Community Scrutiny Panel – 28 November 2018**

Minute 7 - Ferneham Hall Vision Review

The Panel received a presentation from the Customer Engagement Manager, which provided Members with a summary of the recent consultation results and findings.

Members then considered the report by the Head of Leisure and Corporate Services which set out the details of the proposed changes to the Ferneham Hall Vision:-

- Increase the auditorium to around 800 seats.
- Emphasise flexibility of second performance space.
- Replace 'dance studio' with 'flexible' studio space

An in-depth question and answer session took place between Members and Officers to better understand reasons for the proposed changes to the 'Vision: Fareham's New Entertainment Venue' document.

RESOLVED that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel considered the Ferneham Hall Vision Review report and support the proposed update to the 'Vision: Fareham's New Entertainment Venue' document.

A report on this matter is at item 9(1) of the agenda.

Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee – 18 September 2019

Minute 6 - Review of Hackney Carriage Fares

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Environmental Health which provided Members with information regarding hackney carriage fares.

The Committee received a deputation on this item from Mr J Miah, representing the Fareham Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Association.

Having considered the report and the responses received from individuals and the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Association in respect of changes to the tariff, it was RESOLVED that the Committee recommends that the Executive approves the following changes to the current tariffs:

- (a) a minimum pull-off charge of £2.60 for the first 180 metres (or part thereof) with a charge of 20p for each succeeding 180 metres (or part thereafter);
- (b) a charge of 20p for each period of 55 seconds waiting time (or part thereof); and
- (c) that Easter Sunday from 0600 hours until 23.30 hours be charged at Rate 2

This item was originally referred to the meeting of the Executive held on 05 November 2018 but was deferred. The item is now brought back to the Executive for further consideration.

A further report on this matter is at item 10(2) of the agenda.

8. HOUSING

(1) Fareham Housing Development Sites

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor P Davies addressed the Executive on this item.

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) agrees that the contract award and appointment of contractor(s) for the Hampshire Rose and Bridge Road development sites be delegated to the Director of Finance and Resources, following consultation with the Executive Member for Housing.
- (b) notes the on-going progress with Fareham Housing led potential development opportunities; and
- (c) notes the funding mechanisms available for the delivery of further sites.

9. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY

(1) Ferneham Hall Vision Review

The comments from the Leisure & Community Scrutiny Panel, as set out in minute 7, were taken into account in considering this item.

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, the Chairman of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel, Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley, addressed the Executive on this item.

RESOLVED that, having considered the feedback from the vision consultation, the Executive approves the following minor changes to the 'A Vision: Fareham's New Entertainment Venue' document, attached at Appendix A to the report:

- Amend the text relating to the number of seats needed to attract shows (Ferneham Hall Today paragraph's 4 and 5) to

'Ferneham Hall's capacity of 708 seats is not high enough to attract the quality of performers that many people want to see, with shows only reaching an average of 53% capacity, or 372 seats.

Theatres with around 800 seats can generally attract higher profile and better-quality shows, generating more income through tickets sales and 'on the night' spending such as on food and drink'.

- Replace 'dance studio' with 'flexible studio space' (A Vision for the Future, page 9 and Design Priorities, page 11) to highlight the space's potential for different types of activity.
- Amend the text relating to the main auditorium size to reflect feedback stating that more seating would help improve the venues offer:

'Improve the comfort of the main auditorium and increase the size to around 800 seats to attract better quality shows' (Design Priorities, page 11).

- Add 'flexible' to the priority of having a secondary performance space to reflect its multi-use nature (Design Priorities, page 11).

(2) Hampshire Physical Activity Strategy 2017-21

Councillor S D T Woodward declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of this item as he is a Hampshire County Council Appointed Trustee of Energise Me.

RESOLVED that the Executive approves the memorandum of understanding with Energise Me to help deliver the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Physical Activity Strategy 2017 to 2021, subject to a review of the funding agreement after 1 year.

10. HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

(1) Air Quality - Final Plan Submission

A tabled amendment was presented in respect of this item to reflect corrections to the results of questions 10 and 11 of the Consultation document attached as Appendix E to the report.

RESOLVED that the Executive delegates authority to the Director of Planning and Regulation, following consultation with the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection, to submit the Final Plan to JAQU as required under the Ministerial Direction.

(2) Review of Hackney Carriage Fares

A tabled amendment was presented in respect of this item to amend recommendation (a) of the report to remove the word “minimum”.

The comments of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee, as set out in minute 7, were taken into account in considering this item.

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees, in the absence of objection following publication, to amend the current Hackney Carriage tariff so that:

- (a) there is a pull off charge of £2.40 for the first 180 metres (or part thereof) with a charge of 20p for each succeeding 180 metres (or part thereafter);
- (b) there is a charge of 20p for each period of 55 seconds waiting time (or part thereof); and
- (c) Easter Sunday from 06:00 hours until 23:30 hours be charged at Rate 2

11. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) Council's Response to the Government's 'Technical consultation on updates to national planning policy and guidance'

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) Fareham Borough Council's response, as outlined in the report from paragraph 12, which answers the questions posed in the Government's Technical consultation on updates to national planning policy and guidance'; and
 - (b) that the Director of Planning and Regulation be authorised to make any necessary minor amendments, following consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Development prior to the submission to the Government's consultation deadline (07 December 2018), provided that these do not change their overall direction, shape or emphasis.
- (2) Provision of Highway Development Planning Advice

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

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 6.54 pm).

Qu. 9: Measure 9 Install more electric vehicle charging points (EVCPs)

Agree	630
Disagree	94
Neither Agree/Nor Disagree	36
Not Clear	29
Blank	280

Most people agreed with this measure, as comments suggested that modern infrastructure needed to be in place as the technology is developing. Many respondents state that the price of electric vehicles currently is too expensive for most people. There were concerns over how long the battery would last, and suggested that more than 10 charging points should be introduced. Many people had noticed that in supermarkets other non-electric cars had parked at the charging points because it was closer to the stores and it wasn't being monitored enough. There is some scepticism currently from electric car owners, suggesting that Tesla cars are charged differently and the nearest point currently is Havant or Fleet. Whilst an ex-driver of a Mitsubishi PHEW outlander said he changed cars because it would take too long to charge, and would give up if there was a queue of two cars in front at an EV point.

Qu. 10: Measure 10 Research whether some bus routes could be improved

Agree	620
Disagree	78
Neither Agree/Nor Disagree	59
Not Clear	54
Blank	292

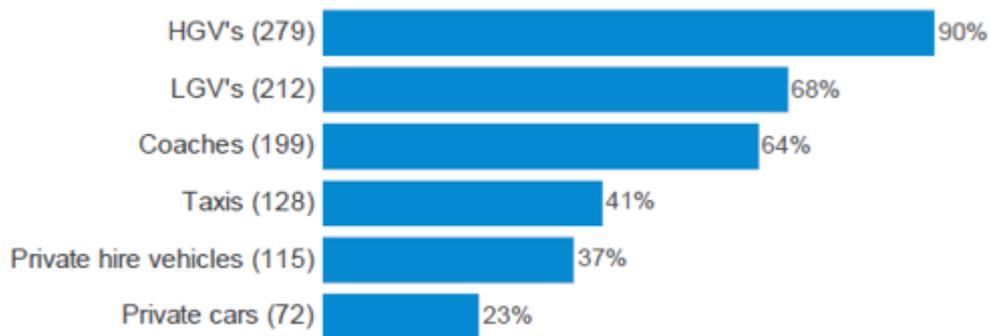
A high number of people agree with this measure. People said that more bus routes needed to be added to Segensworth and Whiteley due to the employment sites there. There was criticism that a lot of bus routes stop at peak time in the evening, making it difficult to rely on the service. There were requests for more express routes with buses that are more direct. A lot of people wanted more surveys carried out on routes to measure the demand, a few people said that smaller buses could be used for less frequent routes.

Qu. 11: Measure 11 Set up a charging clean air zone

Agree	44
Disagree	955
Neither Agree/Nor Disagree	16
Not Clear	26
Blank	77

A high proportion of people disagreed with this measure. Reasons for disagreement included the effect it would have on everyone financially. People said they would stop coming to Fareham, Gosport would be isolated. People felt it would prove a serious access problem which would affect ambulances, and fire services. There would be a considerable amount of negativity towards the Council if this measure were to go ahead.

Qu. 12 What vehicles do you think could be charged?



Qu. 13 If you drive a private diesel vehicle, or commercial LGV, or Euro V, what effect would a £12.50 charge per day have on you or your company?

Agree	0
Disagree	876
Not clear	15
Blank	230

Most people who answered scrutinised the fee amount, protesting that it was too expensive and per day would equate to a £375 per month charge. No-one who commented agreed.

Qu. 14 If you drive a HGV, what effect would a £100 charge per day have on your company?

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 03 December 2018

Portfolio:	Health and Public Protection Policy and Resources
Subject:	Review of Hackney Carriage Fares
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regulation
Corporate Priorities:	Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:
To set the level of Hackney Carriage Tariff for licensed vehicles in the Borough.

Executive summary:
Each year the views of the taxi trade are sought in respect of whether they wish the Council to consider an increase to the taxi tariff. This year the taxi trade indicated they would like to see the tariff increased.

This matter was considered by the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs committee at its meeting of 18 September 2018.

The setting of the tariff is, however, an Executive function and therefore when a request for a change is received the Executive must determine the appropriate level of tariff.

It is recommended therefore that the tariff be increased as detailed in the recommendation below.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Executive agrees, in the absence of objection following publication, to amend the current Hackney Carriage tariff so that:

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