

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2019/20
Decision No.
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Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 16 December 2019

Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Draft Fareham Housing Greener Policy
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Protect and enhance the environment

Purpose:

To seek approval of the draft Fareham Housing Greener Policy.

The potential impacts of climate change are high on the global, national and local agenda and Fareham Housing recognises it can contribute to mitigating against some of the worst effects through the use, maintenance and development of Council owned stock.

This policy provides clarity on how Fareham Housing will make a contribution to mitigating the effects of climate change and undertake preparations in anticipation of new legislation.

The document is set out into four principles (detailed further in this report) to provide a framework for the document. These are as follows:

1. Minimise consumption of resources
2. Promote sustainable lifestyle
3. Build homes that meet the sustainability needs of our customers now and in the future
4. Deliver a greener standard

The careful use, planning and maintenance of council-owned housing stock, will have an additional benefit of helping our tenant reduce their energy costs and help in combating fuel poverty.

Options Considered:

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

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves the draft Fareham Housing Greener Policy, as provided in Appendix A to the report, for publication.

Reason:

To define Fareham Housing's commitment against climate change and prepare for anticipated change in legislation.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Approval of Draft Housing Allocations Policy
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Providing housing choices

Purpose:

To review the consultation results on the Housing Allocations Policy and adopt the final version.

Local housing authorities have a duty to make sure that homes, which they own or have nomination rights to, are let in accordance with a published allocation scheme. The allocation scheme must describe the procedure for letting homes and for determining the relative priority accorded to different categories of applicants.

At its meeting on 2 September 2019, the Executive approved a new Draft Housing Allocations Policy for a six-week period of consultation.

Public consultation took place between 16 September and 25 October 2019, with a total of 187 comments received.

As a result of the consultation some small changes have been made to the draft version to inform the final version of the Housing Allocations Policy which is recommended for adoption.

Options Considered:

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

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) notes the feedback received from the public consultation exercise, together with the proposed changes to the policy, as outlined in this report; and
- (b) adopts the Housing Allocations Policy, as attached at Appendix A of the report, to formally replace the current Allocations Policy (2014).

Reason:

To adopt an up-to-date Housing Allocations Policy that is in accordance with current legislation and statutory guidance which meets the purpose of the Housing Options Service to "*understand each customer's housing problem and help them to solve it*".

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Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Assheton Court, Portchester
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Providing housing choices

Purpose:

To seek approval in principle to proceed with the redevelopment of Assheton Court in Portchester in order to provide a new larger sheltered housing scheme using the existing site and a small area of the adjacent long stay car park.

To also advise Members of (a) the principles of a decant policy (relevant for those residents affected by any future redevelopment works); (b) the approach to any flats becoming vacant as Assheton Court; and (c) how a future report will be brought back to the Executive relating to the funding of the redevelopment and the future contractor appointment process.

Assheton Court was built in 1971 and comprises 33 flats, 13 of which are bedsit accommodation. The Council's recently adopted Affordable Housing Strategy set out an ambition to provide additional affordable housing for those in need and to improve existing Council owned stock, with Assheton Court being identified as one of the early schemes to address.

The attached report outlines the benefits of redeveloping the Assheton Court sheltered housing scheme in Portchester, to include a small area of the adjacent public car park, with the intention to provide a new larger sheltered housing scheme in what is an excellent location for older person accommodation.

It also explains how officers have considered the impact that redevelopment will have to existing residents at Assheton Court and have developed an outline of the decant principles to help alleviate many of the concerns that residents may have.

Options Considered:

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor R H Price, JP, addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) the principle of seeking a redevelopment of the Assheton Court sheltered housing scheme;
- (b) the inclusion of a small area of the adjacent Long Stay East car park within any redeveloped design on the basis that no net loss in overall public car parking spaces will occur in the Council car parks at Portchester village centre;
- (c) that officers shall progress a Developed Design and planning application for a new Sheltered Housing Scheme; and
- (d) that £100,000 be allocated from the HRA Capital Development Fund, to progress the feasibility and design stage of the Assheton Court proposal.

Reason:

To provide additional older person affordable housing for those in need and to improve and update existing Council owned stock.

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Portfolio	Health and Public Protection
Subject:	Public Spaces Protection Order
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

To review and extend the Public Spaces Protection Order under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 following the statutory consultation which controls begging, drug taking and consumption of alcohol in the town centre.

The current PSPO requires review as the three-year period is due to expire on 24 December 2019. Fareham Town Centre is still experiencing begging, street drinking and taking of drugs which is having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those who live, work in and visit Fareham.

Options Considered:

Revised pages 66 and 69 of the agenda pack were tabled at the meeting in respect of this item to reference the Equality Impact Assessment that has been undertaken in order to provide further information on the potential impact of the Public Spaces Protection Order.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees to extend the Public Spaces Protection Order under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 for a further 3 years.

Reason:

Begging, street drinking and taking drugs are becoming increasingly prevalent in Fareham Town Centre and are having a detrimental impact on the quality of life for those who live, work in and visit Fareham.

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Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Portchester Village Centre Regeneration Update
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Maintain and extend prosperity; Protect and enhance the environment; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

To provide an update on the commercial prospects study for Portchester commissioned by the Council. To consider and approve the next steps for improvements to the layout of the public car parks to the south of Portchester (Village) Centre and pedestrian links. Since producing a Regeneration Vision for Portchester in 2017, Fareham Housing has identified Assheton Court for redevelopment, which is the subject of another report on this Executive agenda. If this proposed redevelopment goes ahead it has a clear relationship with the car parks which abut the site. The report also briefly explains the emerging Transforming Cities Fund bid to Government, which is looking to improve rapid transit in the wider Portsmouth City-Region, which could include improvements along the A27 close to Portchester (Village) Centre.

The report briefly outlines the background to delivering the proposed improvements to Portchester (Village) Centre, identified in the Vision produced after extensive consultation entitled '*Putting the Village back into Portchester*' as part of the wider regeneration strategy. It reports on key findings from the commissioned consultant's report in the future commercial prospects for the (Village) Centre. It provides an update on the possible implications of the Assheton Court redevelopment and emerging Transforming Cities Funding bid, if successful, on these regeneration ambitions. The report proposed the next steps to implementing improvements in the short-term to the layouts of the southern public car parks and pedestrian links to the Centre utilising existing Section 106 monies. Officers recommend that a procurement exercise is undertaken for the design and implementation of improvements to the car park and pedestrian linkages to the Centre. A future Executive Report in Summer 2020 will detail the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders for consultation.

Options Considered:

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor R H Price, JP, addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) notes the findings of the commercial prospect study and update on the emerging Transforming Cities Fund;
- (b) agrees that further work is undertaken by officers to ensure that up-to-date information on car park use is used to support work developing a detailed design car park scheme; and
- (c) agrees that Officers undertake a procurement exercise to develop and deliver a detailed scheme design to implement improvements to the southern public car parks and pedestrian linkages to the Portchester (Village) Centre, prior to consulting on a TRO in the summer of 2020.

Reason:

To deliver environmental improvements and alterations to the car parks that will help support the future regeneration of Portchester (Village) Centre.

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Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Draft Local Plan Consultation
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Maintain and extend prosperity; Protect and enhance the environment; Providing housing choices; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

To seek approval to the content of a consultation on the Draft Local Plan.

Local Planning Authorities are tasked with producing a Local Plan to plan positively for the development needs of their area. The Council decided to review their Local Plan shortly after it was adopted in 2015. To date, the Council has produced a draft Local Plan for consultation in 2017 and a further consultation document on a revised development strategy to meet a higher housing need earlier in 2019. This report proposes a third consultation on a consultation document that adds to the draft Local Plan of 2017 with a revised development strategy, new housing allocations to meet the higher housing need and new policies where these are now required by a revised national planning framework.

This report provides the background to the proposed consultation document as an appendix for approval. The consultation will run for a minimum of 6 weeks in early 2020 and will be complemented by a special edition of Fareham Today. The results of this consultation will feed into the Publication Plan which will be available for consultation in Spring 2020 before the new Local Plan is submitted to Government for examination.

Options Considered:

With the agreement of the Executive Leader, this item was brought forward and heard as the first item on the agenda.

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor R H Price, JP, addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the content of the consultation document on the Draft Local Plan; and
- (b) agrees that the Director of Planning and Regeneration be authorised to make any necessary minor amendments, following consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Development, provided these do not change their overall direction, shape or emphasis.

Reason:

To undertake publication and consultation as required under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Responsive Repairs for Fareham Borough Council owned properties
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

Following a recent tender exercise, the Council is seeking approval to award contracts to various trade(s) suppliers to support our in-house Direct Services Organisation (DSO) in providing a Responsive Repairs service on behalf of Fareham Borough Council.

In the past, the Council had outsourced Responsive Repairs contracts to one managing Contractor who would carry out works within the various trade disciplines.

When the previous Responsive Repairs contract lapsed the council directly employed its own Direct Services Organisation (DSO) to provide these services. They include, but are not limited to: Multi Trades, Carpenter, Electrician, Plumber, Groundworker, Painter and Decorator, Plasterer and Skilled Labourer. The team are best placed to respond quickly to most routine repair jobs, but there are peaks in demand for day to day repairs and some jobs require a longer period of time on site. To meet demand in these situations, additional resources from external contractors are sometimes required to meet the needs of our Customers.

The Council has recently tendered twenty-one separate trade contracts with a view to including up to six Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (SME's) against each trade, including businesses from the local area.

An information evening was held at Ferneham Hall on Monday 4 March 2019 to provide the opportunity for businesses, including Micro and SME's to engage face to face with the Council to discuss the Responsive Repairs opportunity. Prior to this information evening, flyers were given to all local material suppliers. There was also a media campaign to try and attract as many local businesses as possible to attend the evening. Officers and the Senior Management team attended the event in order to support and encourage suppliers to tender for the various services.

Following a two-stage procurement exercise, those bidders who scored 70% and above (up to a maximum of six suppliers) will be included on each of the framework agreements to provide the services. The evaluation of the submission and the preferred bidder information is provided in the confidential Appendix A, attached to the report.

Options Considered:

As recommendations

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that, on the basis of being the most economically advantageous tenders, those bidders scoring 70% and above (based on their tender scores) are included in the framework agreement for each applicable trade contract.

Reason:

To maintain the seamless, effective and quality Responsive Repairs service for Fareham Borough Council customers whilst maintaining value for money.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Arrangements for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for health and fun

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to advise members of the proposals for commemorating the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day in May 2020.

In May 2020 the early May Day Bank Holiday has been moved from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. There is a planned series of national events over three days from Friday 8 through to Sunday 10 May.

Fareham has a history of recognising significant dates relating to WW1 and WW2. As such officers have been asked to explore an appropriate way for the Council to mark V E Day.

Officers have identified two proposals as stated below:

- (i) For a new, appropriately designed commemorative seat to be installed at a location to be determined within the Borough.
- (ii) For the Council to provide a level of financial support to enable Lee Flying Association and Regional City Airports (RCA), to subsidise pre-1955 aircraft visiting Solent Airport on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 May.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) that a commemorative seat to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day be designed and installed at a location to be determined;
- (b) that once officers have researched options for where the seat can be located, delegated authority is given to the Executive Leader to determine the seat's final location;
- (c) to provide some financial support to enable Lee Flying Association and RCA to welcome aircraft pre-dating 1955 to visit Solent Airport over the VE weekend; and
- (d) that the project will be funded from existing budgets, to the sum of £12,000.

Reason:

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Review of Citizen of Honour Award Scheme
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

This report provides an opportunity to review the process for selecting Citizens of Honour from the nominated lists and considers a motion by Councillor R H Price, JP at Council on 25 July 2019 regarding the selection of nominees for the Council's annual Citizen and Young Citizen of Honour Awards from 2020.

The Citizen of Honour Award was introduced in November 1996. Five years later, the scheme was extended to recognise the efforts of younger residents under the age of 18 through the Young Citizen of Honour Award.

Over the last 23 years, the award has honoured 105 residents of the Borough, with nominations being received from all areas of Fareham.

Options Considered:

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor R H Price, JP, addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor R H Price, JP, addressed the Executive on this item.

The Executive considered the following motion which was presented to Council at its meeting on 25 July 2019 by Councillor R H Price, JP: "to change the method of selecting the Citizens of Honour and Young Citizens of Honour to ensure that: "all Members of the Council should have one vote in the adult category and one vote in the under 18 category and that there will be no more than two people selected in each category".

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) agrees to limit the award to one Citizen of Honour and one Young Citizen of Honour for the years 2020 and 2021; and
- (b) did not support the motion as presented but did agree to ensure that all Members are positively encouraged to be involved in the Citizen of Honour selection process by commenting on the work of the nominees either by making representations at the Executive meeting or by making contact with Executive Members.

Reason:

This provides an opportunity for the Council to review the Citizen of Honour and Young Citizen of Honour Awards.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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