

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2020/21
Decision No.
2210

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 7 September 2020

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Covid 19 Emergency Revised 2020/21 Budget
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to set out the Council's Finance Recovery Plan in response to the Covid-19 pandemic including the emergency revised budget for 2020/21.

The Council's Finance Recovery Plan forms part of a Recovery Framework which was approved by the Executive on 3 August 2020.

Covid-19 has had a significant impact on every aspect of life and society in our borough and it has led to logistical challenges, created financial difficulties and prompted community-wide concerns around health and well-being.

This report focuses on the impact of the pandemic on the Council's Financial position and suggests an emergency budget plan to enable the Council to meet its financial commitments through to the end of the financial year.

Options Considered:

The Executive Leader brought item 10(2) Covid 19 Emergency Revised 2020/21 Budget forward on the Agenda.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor L Keeble addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves:

- (a) the Covid-19 Finance Recovery Plan and actions contained therein (as set out from paragraph 55 of the report); and
- (b) recommends that the Council approves the following revised budgets:
 - i. the Emergency General Fund Revised Revenue budget for 2020/21;
 - ii. the use of £1,143,700 from the General Fund Revenue Reserve to balance the

2020/21 Revised Budget;

- iii. the Emergency Housing Revenue Account Revised budget for 2020/21; and
- iv. the Revised Capital Programme for 2020/21.

Reason:

This report forms part of a Recovery Framework in response to the Covid-19 pandemic which was approved by the Executive on 3 August 2020.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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2211

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 7 September 2020

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Parking Service Review
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

This report sets out the results of a detailed review of the Council's Parking Service and provides options for the future delivery of the service.

The on-street parking enforcement Agency Agreement with Hampshire County Council was terminated, at the County Council's request, on 31 March 2020.

In order to prepare for this change, the Executive agreed to a wide-ranging review of the Parking Service. This took place during 2019 with desk research, parking surveys and a public consultation feeding into the analysis. The detailed results of the review can be found in Appendix A.

A new General Enforcement Team has been created and was fully operational by 01 April 2020, at which point the Council was no longer responsible for on-street parking.

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, charging for town centre car parks ceased between 25 March and 1 June 2020. This resulted in lost income of just over £300,000, placing further financial pressure on the Council.

The proposals for the future are outlined in the report and have the potential to generate a significant new revenue stream for the Council which will help to offset the costs of the parking service, including major improvements to Osborn Rd Multi-Storey Car Park, as well as contributing to the £1.5 million shortfall in the Council's medium term financial plan.

Options Considered:

The Executive Leader brought forward item 10(3) Parking Service Review on the Agenda.

The Executive received deputations in respect of this item from the following:

Sophie Carnaghan - written deputation
Angie Beck – written deputation
Pamela Charlwood – written deputation
Philip Warwick – video deputation
William Hutchison – written deputation

Anthony Gillam – written deputation
Lindsey Bailey – written deputation
Matthew Hall – video deputation
Maureen Levenson – written deputation
Christopher Wozencroft – written deputations
County Councillor Pal Hayre – written deputation
Mark Collins – video deputation

In considering this item, the Executive took into account the recommendations of the Policy & Resources Scrutiny Panel made at the panel meeting held on 24 August 2020.

At the invitation of the Chairman, the following Councillors addressed the Executive on this item: Councillors S Cunningham; S Dugan; M J Ford; J Forrest (written); L Keeble; Mrs K Mandry and R J Price.

As recommendation

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) a Pay-by-App option be introduced for all Pay & Display car parks in the Borough;
- (b) new Pay-on-Foot machines be installed in Osborn Road Multi-storey car park, Fareham shoppers' car park and Market Quay car park and a budget of £250,000 be allocated for this purpose;
- (c) a charge of £1 per hour up to a maximum of £6 per day be introduced in all coastal car parks in the Borough during the hours of 10am – 6pm;
- (d) new solar powered Pay and Display machines are installed in coastal car parks and a budget of £75,000 in total be allocated for this purpose;
- (e) Dragons' Teeth be installed at Monks Hill and Salterns car parks to prevent parking on the grass verges at a cost of £11,000 but height restriction barriers will not be installed;
- (f) a consultation exercise on Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) be undertaken outlining any required changes to parking restrictions and charges in all car parks where changes are proposed to current arrangements;
- (g) authority be delegated to the Director of Leisure and Community following consultation with the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection to conduct Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultations in free car parks where the limited waiting time limit is deemed too long;
- (h) authority be delegated to the Director of Leisure and Community following consultation with the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection to consider options for parking of coaches in Portchester car parks and to ban overnight camper van parking in coastal car parks;
- (i) Officers report back to a future meeting of the Executive on any potential concessionary or season ticket arrangements in individual car parks which is to

include an option (agreed in principle) for a season ticket of £80 per year;

- (j) Charging will not be implemented in any car parks other than Fareham Town Centre or coastal car parks across the Borough within the next five years;
- (k) work is undertaken to investigate the provision of cycle racks to be installed at coastal car parks;
- (l) liaison takes place with Hampshire County Council and Hampshire Police to address on-street parking issues which may transpire after the implementation of any car park charging; and
- (m) Meon Shore car park resurfacing will not go ahead as per the original recommendation (e) in the report to the Executive.

Reason:

The introduction of daytime charging in coastal car parks would help fund future parking improvements as well as helping the Council to respond to the financial challenges it faces.

Following debate on this item and taking into consideration the number and content of the deputations received, the comments which had been received and passed to the Executive for consideration together with the numbers who had signed the Petition and the comments received from Councillors in their representations, the Executive Leader made a proposal for new recommendations.

In respect of recommendations (a), (b) and (d), these remained as per the original recommendations outlined in the report.

In respect of the proposed recommendation (c), this was suggested following the numerous representations to reconsider both the cost of parking and to set a timeframe for charging during the day.

In respect of the original recommendation (e), following representations made, it was agreed that the upgrade to the Meon Shore car park would not proceed.

In respect of the original recommendation (f), following representations in respect of the high number of water sports enthusiasts who carry a large amount of water sport equipment, it was proposed that the recommendation to install height barriers would not proceed as a recommendation.

The original recommendations (g) and (h) remained in the proposed new recommendations.

Taking into consideration the comments made by several deputies and ward Councillors who made representations about the overnight parking of camper vans, a recommended proposal to ban overnight parking of camper vans was made. The Executive Leader also proposed that considerations be explored for options for coach parking in Portchester car parks.

Reflecting on the comments made by several deputies and ward Councillors making representations about the possibility of an introduction of offering season tickets to the car park users, the Executive Leader proposed that Officers report back to the Executive at a future meeting in respect of any potential concessionary or season ticket arrangements in individual car parks which is to include an option for a season ticket of £80 per year. The Executive Leader proposed that this figure would be recommended to be agreed in principle.

Taking into account the views of all who commented on the possible implementation of charging for parking, and as a commitment to maintaining out of town charges at the current rate, the Executive Leader proposed that no new charging would be implemented apart from Fareham Town centre and the coastal car parks within the next five years.

In considering the comments made through Deputations and Ward Councillors' representations, the Executive Leader proposed that work is undertaken to investigate the provision of cycle racks to be installed at coastal car park locations, to assist with secure storage for those who wish to cycle to the destination for leisure and/or health purposes.

In recognising the comments made in respect of the potential for on-street parking issues, including current issues experienced by those parking on-street in residential areas and parking on grass verges, the Executive Leader proposed that liaison takes place with Hampshire County Council and Hampshire Police to address on-street parking issues which may transpire after the implementation of any car parking charges.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Decision No.
2207

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 7 September 2020

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Fareham Lottery
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

This report presents the options for introducing a Community Lottery across the Borough of Fareham.

At the meeting of the Executive on 3 August 2020, it was agreed as an action within the COVID-19 - Community Recovery Plan that a report would be presented to the Executive recommending the establishment of a Community Lottery in Fareham.

A Community Lottery is a weekly draw within a community that raises money for local good causes.

Many local authorities have established a Community Lottery for their area. Some are run 'in house' with responsibility for the approval of good causes, promotion of the Community Lottery and overseeing of payments carried out by designated Officers.

Others have nominated their Community and Voluntary Sector (CVS) organisation to undertake this function. In these cases, a proportion of the income raised from the Community Lottery is allocated to the CVS to cover staffing costs.

Both options have a financial cost at a time when expenditure is being carefully considered. However, a Community Lottery would raise much needed funds for the charities and community groups that support our communities, when many are meeting their greatest financial challenges as a result of COVID-19 implications.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) agrees to establish a Community Lottery for Fareham; and

(b) nominates One Community to continue to promote and support it.

Reason:

1. The Community Lottery offers the opportunity for the community and voluntary sector to easily raise additional funds, which is likely to be a lifeline at this time of financial uncertainty.
2. Option 2 offers the most sustainable solution to establishing a Community Lottery in Fareham.

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Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 7 September 2020

Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Local Development Scheme
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	(All Corporate Priorities)

Purpose:

To approve the Local Development Scheme (2020) for adoption.

Local Planning Authorities are required by legislation to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The purpose of the Fareham Borough LDS is to set out the timetable for producing the Fareham Borough Local Plan Review and the Authority Monitoring Reports (AMR).

An up-to-date LDS ensures that the community and other interested parties are aware of the programme for preparing the Fareham Local Plan 2036 and importantly when there will be opportunities to respond to consultations on it.

The timetable set out in the LDS aims for the adoption of the Fareham Local Plan 2036 in Autumn/Winter 2021, with the next stage of the process being a consultation on the publication version of the local plan in Autumn 2020. This will be the version which takes into account the outcomes of previous consultations undertaken in 2017, 2019 and 2020 and is the version we propose to submit to the Secretary of State.

Options Considered:

At the invitation of the Chairman a written representation of Councillor J Forrest was read out.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) to adopt the Fareham Borough Local Development Scheme (August 2020) as set out in Appendix A to the report; and
- (b) that the Director of Planning and Regeneration is authorised to make any necessary

minor changes to the Local Development Scheme, providing that these do not change the overall direction, shape or emphasis of the document, prior to the document being published on the Council's website.

Reason:

To meet the Council's statutory responsibility for setting out an up-to-date timetable for the production of the Fareham Local Plan 2036, so that local communities and interested parties can keep track of progress.

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Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Decision No.
2209

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 7 September 2020

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Covid 19 Economic Recovery Plan
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Maintain and extend prosperity; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to set out the Council's Economic Recovery Plan in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Council's Economic Recovery Plan forms part of a Recovery Framework which was presented to the Executive on 3 August 2020.

The economic impacts resulting from the lockdown associated with Covid-19 is self-evident as more data and reports on the scale of the impact emerge each day. The consequences for the public finances, businesses and households have been and will continue to be severe and drawn out, although as yet not fully understood. Local Authorities can play a role in leading the way and respond to the challenge with imagination, determination and flexibility.

3. The Plan has been informed by a detailed data and baseline analysis review of the Borough's economy in responding to the Covid-19 pandemic. It sets out recommendations on the actions required to guide the economic recovery of the Borough over the short-term (12-18 months).

The Plan includes a package of measures to be delivered by the Council and its key strategic partners to enable businesses to trade, restore business, build consumer and community confidence and to provide support to those who have lost their jobs.

The Plan aligns with economic actions that support the delivery of projects set out in the Council's Public Spaces, and Community recovery plans.

The Economic Recovery Plan is structured as follows:

Part 1: sets out a review, assessment and understanding of the impact of Covid-19 on the local economy;

Part 2: provides an economic recovery framework and priority interventions to address these impacts in the short-term (12-18 months), and

Part 3: sets out implications and scenarios for the long-term to build future resilience against the backdrop of wider structural shifts brought on by the pandemic.

Working with colleagues in PR and Marketing, the agreed text of the Plan will be designed to ensure it provides an accessible and effective communication document prior to it being shared with key partners and the business community.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves the Covid-19 Economic Recovery Plan and the following actions therein:

- (a) to agree the five priority action plan areas within the Businesses and sectors, Town Centre and District Centres, Investment Projects, People and Communities, and Consultation and Communications themes;
- (b) to note that £103,270 has been allocated to the Council to support the delivery of the European Union Development Fund's Opening High Streets Safely action plan;
- (c) to agree for £14,000 from the Economic Development budget in 2020/21 to support the delivery of the action plan;
- (d) to agree a growth budget allocation of £31,000 in 2021/22 for the delivery of the remaining themed action plans; and
- (e) to note that officers will identify and apply for eligible national and regional funding opportunities to minimise the growth budget allocation above and will review its internal budget allocations to steer, where possible, existing resources to help deliver the agreed actions.

Reason:

This report forms part of a Recovery Framework in response to the Covid-19 pandemic which was presented to the Executive on 3rd August 2020.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Decision No.
2212

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 7 September 2020

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Osborn Road Multi Storey Car Park
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Maintain and extend prosperity

Purpose:

To outline a proposal to extend the life of, and modernise, the Osborn Road Multi Storey Car Park.

The Osborn Road Multi Storey Car Park (MSCP) was constructed in 1973, providing nearly 40% of the town centre parking spaces. The car park is now reaching the end of its useful life and options have been considered to determine the future of the asset.

Due to the fundamental changes occurring in town centres and, in particular, high streets across the UK, coupled with the shift from combustion to electric vehicles, it is very difficult to predict the parking requirement beyond 5-10 years.

An option for a permanent replacement has been considered, but in light of the uncertainties surrounding the future demand, alternative options have been explored and the recommended approach is to undertake a full refurbishment of the car park, with works to improve the structural integrity of the building for up to 15 years.

If agreed, the work would be progressed on a similar time frame to the new arts and entertainment venue in the town centre. Together, this construction work would represent a significant investment by Fareham Borough Council in the town centre.

Options Considered:

In considering this item, the Executive took into account the recommendations of the Policy & Resources Scrutiny Panel made at the panel meeting held on 24 August 2020.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) the outline proposal for the refurbishment of Osborn Road Multi Storey Car Park be

approved; and

(b) the car park scheme be added to the capital programme.

Reason:

The Osborn Road MSCP provides a large proportion of the town's car parking spaces and is approaching the end of its useful life. The options put forward will ensure that the town centre parking supply continues to meet demand.

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Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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2213

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 7 September 2020

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Covid 19 Impact on Daedalus Faraday Business Park Investment Project
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

As a result of the Covid-19 impact, and in light of a changing economy the proposed capital investments at Daedalus have been reviewed to help determine the future financial implications for the Council. This report addresses the proposed capital investment on Faraday Business Park.

At the 7 January 2019 Executive it was agreed to fund the construction of new industrial / business units at Faraday Business Park and the appointment of a contractor for the development to be delegated to the relevant Director following consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that following consideration of the potential impact(s) of Covid-19, the Executive agrees:

- (a) to continue funding of £5 million, as agreed by the Executive on 07 January 2019, to construct new industrial/business units at Faraday Business Park; and
- (b) the appointment of a contractor for the development is delegated to the Director of Planning and regeneration following consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources.

Reason:

To fund the further development of Daedalus in line with the adopted Vision generating a positive revenue for the Council.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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