

FAREHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

2020/21
Decision No.
2215

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 12 October 2020

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Naming of New Arts and Entertainment Venue - Results
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for health and fun

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to inform the Executive of the results of a public consultation carried out to understand the public's preferred name for the new arts and entertainment venue being remodelled in Fareham Town Centre to replace Ferneham Hall, prior to members making a final decision on the new name.

The Council's Vision is to create a new arts and entertainment venue in Fareham Town Centre which will include an 800-seat auditorium, a 120-seat theatre, community rooms, a flexible studio space as well as a bar and café area.

The remodelled venue will offer different, and much improved, facilities from those of Ferneham Hall, so it was considered appropriate to provide the building with a new name to emphasise this point and avoid the potential for confusion within the entertainment industry about the venue's capabilities.

A shortlist of six names were considered by the Council's Executive at a meeting on 03 August. This was then whittled down to a final four names which would be presented to the public so they could indicate their preferred option, with results being reported back to a future meeting of the Executive to allow a final decision on the name of the venue.

A four-week public consultation has now been carried out during which the public were asked to choose their favourite name from the short list of four options.

This report informs the Executive of the outcome of the public 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, having considered the public consultation results when deciding upon the name of the new Arts and Entertainment venue, the preferred name for the venue is Fareham Live.

Reason:

To provide a suitable name for the new Arts and Entertainment venue.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Covid-19 Special Grants Programme
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for health and fun; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to propose the establishment of a Covid-19 Special Grant Programme for the financial year 2020/21.

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant financial impact on the community and voluntary sector. The majority of charitable organisations and community interest groups were forced to cease their activities, resulting in lost opportunities to raise funds. In addition, when their activities restarted, they experienced an increase in costs for the provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and the cleaning materials needed to protect their members and hirers from the risk of contracting the virus.

This report proposes the establishment of a Covid-19 Special Grant Programme to help reduce the financial risk faced by these organisations. This would provide a quick and easy application process for a one-off payment of £250, with applications open to charitable and voluntary groups across the Borough.

It is proposed that £30,000 is ring-fenced from the 2020/21 Community Funding budget to resource this special grant programme.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves the establishment of a Covid-19 Special Grant Programme for the financial year 2020/21.

Reason:

The Covid-19 Special Grant Programme offers a much-needed source of income to charitable and voluntary groups, to help address some of the unprecedented financial pressures they are experiencing during the Coronavirus pandemic.

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Portfolio	Streetscene
Subject:	Review of the Garden Waste Collection Service
Report of:	Head of Streetscene
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Protect and enhance the environment

Purpose:

This report sets out the results of a review into the garden waste collection service.

The Council has provided a free garden waste collection service since 2005. This discretionary service costs approximately £336,000 a year to provide.

A recent decision taken by Hampshire County Council will mean that the Borough Council will no longer benefit from the recovery of costs for material recycling, from April 2021 onwards. This decision will place a financial burden on the Borough Council estimated at approximately £400,000 a year. To offset this additional cost, it will be necessary to introduce a charge for the garden waste collection service.

The proposals for the future are set out in the report and have the potential to ensure that the Garden Waste Service is self-funded. The proposals would also generate a significant new revenue stream for the Council which would help to offset the loss of material recycling income as well as contributing to the £4.3 million shortfall in the Council's medium-term financial plan.

Options Considered:

The Executive received a deputation in respect of this item from Mr Gareth Jones.

This item was brought forward on the agenda.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillors L Keeble and R H Price, JP addressed the Executive on this item.

The comments of the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) the introduction of a new chargeable garden waste scheme, commencing on 01 February 2022, be approved;
- (b) an annual subscription of £50 for a 140-litre and £60 for a 240-litre wheeled bin be approved;
- (c) a bin purchase charge of £32 for a 140-litre and £34 for a 240-litre wheeled bin be approved;
- (d) a 50% early bird discount for a bin purchase be offered in year 1 of the scheme;
- (e) a budget of £296,400 for the procurement and delivery of wheeled bins, a marketing campaign and temporary administration support be approved; and
- (f) the Council will work with Hampshire County Council to further promote home composting of garden and food waste.

Reason:

The introduction of a chargeable garden waste service would help to offset the loss of income due to changes to the recovery of costs for material recycling and make a significant contribution to closing the £4.3 million gap in the Council's future finances.

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Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Publication (Regulation 19) Local Plan
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 endorsement and a recommendation to Council to approve the Publication Local Plan for consultation and subsequent submission to the Secretary of State for independent Examination.

This report proposes a consultation on the publication version of the Local Plan, hereafter termed the 'Publication Local Plan'. The Publication Local Plan sets out the Council's approach to managing and delivering development for the Borough to 2037. Once adopted it will replace the Core Strategy (2011) and the Development Sites and Policies Plan (2015) but will not replace the Welborne Plan (2015).

The Publication Local Plan identified sites for housing and employment and set policies for future determination of planning applications in topics such as retail, community facilities, and the protection of natural and historic environments in the Borough.

Once adopted, the policies and proposals contained within the Publication Local Plan will form part of Fareham's statutory development plan and will be used to determine planning applications.

Options Considered:

A tabled item was presented in respect of this item to provide details of a number of proposed changes to Appendix A, the draft text of the Publication Local Plan, and one change to Appendix B, the Policies Map, in order to address matters highlighted by the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel. In addition, details of a small number of proposed changes to Appendix A are provided which either correct errors or reflect changes necessary in light of recent information. A copy of the tabled item is attached to these minutes as Annex A.

The comments of the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel were taken into account when considering this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive endorses and recommends to Council for approval:

- (a) that the Publication Local Plan, as set out at Appendix A and B to the report, incorporating the tabled item proposals, as appended to these minutes (Annex A), be published for a six-week period of public consultation, together with supporting documents included at Appendix C to G and listed as background papers;
- (b) that the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Development, be authorised to make any necessary minor amendments to the documents, prior to publication, provided these do not change the overall direction, shape or emphasis of the document and do not raise any significant new issues prior to the document being submitted to the Secretary of State;
- (c) that the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Development, be authorised, following the completion of the consultation period, to submit the Publication Local Plan to the Secretary of State (together with any necessary minor modifications or that are required to ensure legal compliance and/or 'soundness'); and
- (d) that the Publication Local Plan be a material consideration to be afforded due weight in the determination of planning applications.

Reason:

To publish the Publications Local Plan under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (England) Regulations 2012 for consultation and subsequent submission, in order to maintain and ensure an up-to-date Local Plan for the Borough for the period to 2037.

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Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Government consultation on White Paper 'Planning for the Future'
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Protect and enhance the environment; Providing housing choices

Purpose:

To consider a report on a White Paper consultation on future changes to the planning system, entitled 'Planning for the Future' and to seek approval to the broad approach to the response from the Council.

On the 08 August 2020, the Government announced a consultation on a White Paper entitled 'Planning for the Future'. This consultation includes twenty-four proposals for significant overhaul of the planning system, grouped within three 'pillars';

- Pillar One – Planning for Development
- Pillar Two – Planning for beautiful and sustainable places
- Pillar Three – Planning for infrastructure and connected places

The report will provide an overview of the proposals within the consultation, and an indication of how it is proposed that the Council will respond.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that, having considered the content of the report, the Executive:-

- (a) approves the suggested approach to the Council's response; and
- (b) delegates authority for the final consultation response to the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Development.

Reason:

To consider the 'Planning for the Future' White Paper consultation from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Financial Forecast for Medium Term Finance Strategy
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

This report provides an update on the Council's 5-year financial forecasts following the emergency budget.

This report gives the Executive the opportunity to consider the Council's 5-year financial forecasts as set out in the Medium-Term Finance Strategy (MTFS) following the setting of the emergency revised budget for 2020/21 at the September Executive.

The impacts of Covid-19 have affected many areas of the Council's finances including a contribution from reserves to set a balanced revised budget for 2020/21. In light of the changes a new table of figures highlighting the effects of the pandemic and other operation changes has been compiled and the effects of this going forward over the strategy period is shown in the table below:

£s	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Approved MTFS Deficit Position	0	489,000	512,000	440,000	N/A
Revised MTFS Forecast Deficit Position	1,145,000	2,282,000	706,000	594,000	452,000

The detailed report highlights the main spending pressures affecting the budgets and also opportunities taken to close the budget gap.

5-Year Financial Forecasts

The 5-Year financial forecasts for 2020/21 to 2024/25 is predicting a funding shortfall for all years. The Opportunities Plan approved last year is still predicted to address some of the shortfall and build in some capacity for future pressures and uncertainties.

Options Considered:

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

The comments of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves the Medium-Term Finance Strategy for the period 2020/21 to 2024/25, as set out at Appendix A to the report.

Reason:

The Medium-Term Finance Strategy forecasts a funding shortfall in all years through to 2024/25. The Opportunities Plan has been developed to address some of this and build in capacity for future pressures and uncertainties.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Pay Policy
Report of:	Director of Support Services
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

This report provides an update on the Council's Pay Policy for 2021-22.

This report gives the Executive the opportunity to consider the Council's Pay Policy for 2021/22.

This annual policy looks at pay and remuneration in relation to all employees including the relationship between the highest and lowest paid giving details of pay scales, grading framework, remuneration, benefits, pensions, severance payments and a new area for recruitment and retention annexed to the policy in Annex B.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) agrees to submit the updated Pay Policy to the Council for approval; and
- (b) recommends that the Council approves the new Recruitment and Retention Policy – Pension Scheme Compensation Policy.

Reason:

To agree the Pay Policy for 2021-22 in line with the Localism Act 2011.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Council Services Carbon Footprint
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Protect and enhance the environment

Purpose:

To report to the Executive the methodology and results of the carbon footprint calculation for the Council's services.

At the 02 March 2020 Executive meeting, the Executive agreed the priorities of the Climate Change Working Group (CCWG). The first project of the CCWG was to calculate the carbon footprint of the Council's services (Streetscene, Leisure and Community, Planning and Regeneration, etc.).

This report outlines the methodology and results of the carbon footprint calculation and covers the 2019/2020 financial year. It will be used to inform the Council's Carbon Reduction Plan as it reveals the main sources of the Council's carbon emissions. Calculations will be undertaken annually to ensure continuous measurement towards carbon neutrality.

The Council's total carbon emissions for service delivery for 2019/20 is 3661.44 tCO₂e (tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent).

Options Considered:

As recommendation

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that the Fareham Borough Council Services Carbon Footprint Calculation Report 2019/20 set out in Appendix A is used as the basis for the preparation of the Council's Carbon Reduction Plan.

Reason:

To progress the Council's commitment to carbon neutrality in the delivery of its services by 2030.

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