

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2020/21
Decision No.
2226

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 2 November 2020

Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Fareham Housing development at the Former Scout Hut site, Montefiore Drive, Park Gate
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Providing housing choices

Purpose:

To seek approval for the funding arrangements to deliver nine new affordable ownership flats on the former Coldeast Scout Hut site on Montefiore Drive and to seek approval of the process toward the appointment of contractors for the scheme.

For the Executive to also note that existing TV mast equipment at the site will be relocated onto the new building and the Council will need to revisit the original transfer agreement with Homes England as the proposal now includes none (rather than seven) flats.

The report provides Members with an overview of the funding arrangements proposed for the delivery of nine new flats for affordable home ownership at the former scout hut site.

Further details surrounding the funding arrangements, including the total estimated cost to deliver the project, are provided in the confidential Appendix B attached to the report.

In addition to the funding arrangements, the report seeks Executive approval for delegated authority that will allow a time efficient appointment of an appropriate contractor to build out the scheme.

Information is also provided on the need to revisit and vary the original transfer agreement between Homes England and the Council; a matter that has been favourably discussed between parties. Existing TV mast equipment at the site will also need to be relocated.

Options Considered:

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

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) the funding mechanisms, as outlined in the confidential Appendix B, for the delivery of an affordable home ownership scheme at the former Coldeast Scout Hut site; and
- (b) that the award of contract and the appointment of building contractor(s) for the former Coldeast Scout Hut site be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, following consultation with the Executive Member for Housing.

Reason:

To ensure the funding arrangements are acceptable and to enable a time efficient process to deliver the scheme if/when a formal planning consent is available on the site.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Sea Lane Housing Site, PO14 2NB
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Providing housing choices

Purpose:

To seek Executive approval for the principle to provide self/custom build plots on Council owned land on the corner of Sea Lane and Stubbington Lane. Including associated funding arrangements, processes towards delivery and sales, and the use of any net receipts following the sale of self/custom build plots.

This report provides members with an overview of the proposal to provide 4No. self/custom build plots at the Sea Lane site.

In order to progress the self/custom build plots, some enabling works are required to provide services and access, and in order to progress the sites promptly, delegated authority is sought to appoint relevant contractors to carry out these works and the subsequent marketing/sales of the plots. The report also sets out intentions for the sale of a small strip of the site to an immediate neighbour.

The net proceeds from the site disposal, taking account of the enabling works, will be used to support the provision of Affordable Housing elsewhere in the Borough, although it is anticipated that an element of the proceeds could be repayable to Homes England.

Options Considered:

The Executive received a deputation from Mr Derek Haggard in respect of this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) the principle of delivering 4 self/custom build plots at the Sea Lane site as a new Housing Enabling Capital Programme scheme;
- (b) the scheme funding mechanisms, as outlined in confidential Appendix B, for the delivery of serviced plots ready for market sale;

- (c) that the appointment of any relevant contractors (to provide demarcated and serviced plots) be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer;
- (d) that officers may, subject to appropriate value as determine by the Council's Head of Property, sell a small strip on the western side of the site to an immediate neighbour;
- (e) that officers, subject to the satisfaction of the Council's Head of Property, ensure the plots are marketed at an appropriate value and have delegated authority to agree/accept an appropriate offer for each individual plot; and
- (f) that those net sale capital receipts available to the Council will be held in the general fund and be used toward the provision of affordable housing in the Borough.

Reason:

To ensure the principle, funding arrangements and overall approach (practical and financial) are acceptable and to allow for a time efficient delivery and subsequent sale of the plots.

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Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Covid-19 Impact on new Arts and Entertainment Venue Project
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for health and fun

Purpose:

As the Council's highest cost capital project, and in line with the recent Covid-19 financial report presented to the Executive in September 2020, this report outlines the rationale and seeks approval to pause the new Arts and Entertainment Venue project for a period of 6 months.

As a result of the Covid-19 impact, and in light of a changing economy, the Council's new, Arts and Entertainment project, including its capital costs and current business plan have been reviewed to help determine the future financial implications for the Council.

In September 2019, the concept design and budget costs of £12.35m for remodelling Ferneham Hall were agreed by the Executive.

At the same meeting, following a detailed tendering process, the Executive awarded a contract for the operation of the new venue to BH Live, a charitable social enterprise, from completion of the remodelling project in 2022.

As a result of the covid-19 crisis, and in light of a changing economy, although the council is able to meet the cost of remodelling the venue, there are now financial implications for the Council to consider concerning the contractual arrangements agreed with BH Live to manage and operate the new venue.

As the arts and entertainment sector struggles to recover from the closure of many venues during the lockdown period, and with a potential second wave of the pandemic and economic recession predicted, this report seeks to present the potential risks and financial implications for the Council.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves:

- (a) the pausing of the Arts and Entertainment venue project for an initial period of 6 months, then review the implications for the Council; and
- (b) that officers commence discussions with BH Live to reach a suitable operating arrangement.

Reason:

This report is in response to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the operation and development of the Council's new Arts and Entertainment Venue.

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

Purpose:

This report sets out the results of a detailed review of the Council's Community Safety and CCTV services and provides options for future delivery.

The Council's Corporate Strategy (2017-2023) includes an action to "*review our approach to Community Safety, including an analysis of CCTV, to ensure that we make the Borough as safe a place as possible*".

This report sets out the results of a recent review into Community Safety and CCTV. A wide-ranging review of the services took place between September 2019 and June 2020. Desk research, statistical research and interviews fed into the analysis. The detailed results of the review can be found at Appendix A to the report.

In summary, it confirms that the work of the Community Safety Team is both efficient and effective and provides a good example of partnership working between the Council, the Police and other local agencies. A recent vacancy within the Team, and a decision by the County Council to take back responsibility for the Supporting Families programme, offers an opportunity to slightly amend the structure and responsibilities of the Team.

The review included an investigation into the impact of the "Access All Areas" event, which aims to divert young people from getting involved in anti-social behaviour during the school summer holidays. Whilst popular with young people, it is difficult to provide direct evidence that the event actually leads to a reduction in anti-social behaviour. However, rather than stopping the event in the future, it is proposed that the Council continues to run the activities as a leisure initiative but that a small fee is charged for each young person who wishes to participate in the event.

The review of CCTV has raised some questions about the efficiency and effectiveness of the current arrangements. A significant number of the cameras provide poor picture quality and have very low usage. In many cases the cameras were installed to deal with a particular problem in a local area which no longer exists. They are, in effect, obsolete.

The main value of a CCTV camera is to provide a record of activity which might subsequently be used as evidence in a criminal prosecution. As such, there is a question over the value of providing a 24-hour monitoring service. In reality, there are very few

incidents where the Police are requested to respond to an immediate incident spotted by the CCTV control room.

It is therefore proposed that the Council upgrades its network of CCTV cameras to improve picture quality, reduces the number of cameras, and moves away from 24-hour monitoring, with data being stored on a cloud-based system. It is also proposed to hire temporary re-deployable CCTV cameras to deal with particular “hot spot” problems.

Over the last 24 months, the Council has been experimenting with an increased uniformed security presence in Fareham Town Centre. The trial has proved to be successful. It is therefore proposed that the financial savings created by a smaller CCTV network be used to expand the Council’s uniformed enforcement team from 6 to 8 officers. This would result in an increase in uniformed patrols across the Borough.

It is important to note that the Borough of Fareham is a safe place to live, with low levels of crime when compared to other local authority areas. The proposals within this report seek to ensure that the Borough remains a safe place for local residents and visitors, whilst providing good value for money.

Options Considered:

The comments of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

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

As recommendations.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) 30 of the lower performing, and out of date, public facing CCTV cameras are decommissioned;
- (b) 13 high quality CCTV cameras be positioned in the most effective areas within Fareham town centre, and procured at a cost of £40,000;
- (c) a £10,000 annual budget be established to fund re-deployable CCTV camera hire;
- (d) live monitoring of CCTV be replaced by a system based on accessible but securely stored recorded footage;
- (e) Gosport Borough Council be given notice of the Council’s intention to dissolve the CCTV Monitoring Partnership;
- (f) “Access All Areas” be treated as a leisure initiative and that a charge of £10 per person be introduced for those wishing to attend; and
- (g) two additional Enforcement Officers be employed at an annual cost of £53,264.

Reason:

The transition to recording CCTV and the use of a core group of cameras, sited in the most effective locations, alongside an increased Enforcement Officer presence across the Borough, will help ensure that Fareham remains a safe place to live and work.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Management and Operation of Solent Airport - Extension of contract with Regional and City Airports Limited
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Maintain and extend prosperity

Purpose:

To approve the extension of the existing contract for the management and operation of the Solent Airport (and the provision of related support services) with Regional and City Airports Limited for 12 months from 01 April 2021.

Regional and City Airports Limited are contracted by the Council to manage and operate Solent Airport. Initially a five-year contract procured through an OJEU process in 2016, the contract allows for an extension of up to 5 further years. This paper proposes a 12-month extension from 01 April 2021.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves:

- (a) an extension to the existing contract with Regional and City Airports Limited for the management and operation of Solent Airport of 12 months from 01 April 2021; and
- (b) the procurement of independent expert advice to inform the future strategic direction of the Solent Airport, its management and operations.

Reason:

Initial evidence shows that demand at Solent Airport has been impacted in a number of market segments. In addition to this, Covid-19 recovery plans at competitor airfields also appear to be entering and targeting the same market segments as Solent Airport, increasing competition.

It is therefore recommended that the existing contract is extended for 12 months whilst

independent advice is procured.

Officers will continue to work with RCA to establish the full impact of Covid-19, develop a recovery plan and investigate risks and liabilities.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Annual Review of the Corporate Strategy 2017/2023
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	(All Corporate Priorities)

Purpose:

The Council's performance management framework requires the Executive to undertake an annual review of the corporate vision and priorities. The purpose is to confirm future priorities and to update the wording where necessary. The outcome of the review will influence budgets for the next financial year.

The Corporate Strategy provides a clear focus on the most important issues that need to be addressed for the 2017-2023 period. This annual review is an opportunity to consider progress made in delivering corporate priorities and to assess the impact of any other influences on the Council's services and initiatives.

Options Considered:

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

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

In considering this item, the Executive discussed the following amendments to the Corporate Strategy:

- (i) the front page of the Strategy be amended to show that the latest update is December 2020;
- (ii) page 105 to be amended to reflect that the Borough's Local Plan will run until 2037;
- (iii) page 111 of the strategy to be amended to replace the wording 'entertainment at Ferneham Hall' with 'entertainment at Fareham Live'; and
- (iv) proposed amendments to the Strategy be clearly identifiable throughout the document when it is presented to Council for approval

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) the amendments outlined at paragraph 14 of the report be incorporated into the Strategy document;
- (b) the recommendation of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel that the revised wording of priority three of the Corporate Strategy to “Create 400 new graves as an extension to Holly Hill cemetery to increase the number of burial plots available to residents of the west of the Borough” be incorporated into the Strategy document;
- (c) the following additional changes be incorporated into the Strategy document:
 - (i) the front page of the Strategy be amended to show that the latest update is December 2020;
 - (ii) page 105 to be amended to reflect that the Borough’s Local Plan will run until 2037;
 - (iii) page 111 of the strategy to be amended to replace the wording ‘entertainment at Ferneham Hall’ with ‘entertainment at Fareham Live’;
 - (iv) proposed amendments to the Strategy be clearly identifiable throughout the document when it is presented to Council for approval; and
- (d) the updated Corporate Strategy document, incorporating the amendments as listed in (a), (b) and (c) above, be recommended to Council for approval.

Reason:

To meet the requirements of the Council’s performance management framework.

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Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Record of Decision by Executive

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Solent Airport Consultative Committee
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	

Purpose:

To approve the establishment of a Consultative Committee for Solent Airport.

The establishment of a consultative committee is considered good practice, even at airports that are not required to have one by law. Whilst not decision making, the Solent Airport Consultative Committee will enhance the airport's management and operations by facilitating constructive discussion between interested parties and helping to resolve any differences while maintaining an overview of trends.

Options Considered:

A revised copy of Appendix A - SACC Terms of Reference was tabled at the meeting in order to provide information regarding which organisations local authorities apart from Fareham Borough Council will be represented on the Committee.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the establishment of a Consultative Committee for Solent Airport, as outlined in the report and in the revised Appendix A;
- (a) appoints the Executive Leader, Councillor S D T Woodward, as the Chairman of the Committee;
- (b) appoints the Deputy Executive Leader, Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE as the Vice-Chairman of the Committee; and
- (c) appoints the following Councillors from the Titchfield, Hill Head and Stubbington Wards as Members of the Committee:
 - (i) Councillor Miss T Harper;

- (ii) Councillor S Dugan; and
- (iii) Councillor J Forrest

Reason:

To provide an opportunity for open and effective communication between Solent Airport, their local communities and the users of the airport about the impact of airport operations.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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