

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2020/21
Decision No.
2253

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 1 March 2021

Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Development Update at 28 Queen's Road
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Providing housing choices

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to update the Executive on the Development of two 3 bed affordable homes for rent at 28 Queens Road, Fareham (former St John's Ambulance site) and to seek approval for the funding arrangements.

The report outlines the progress made on the development of two 3 bed houses at 28 Queens Road.

Extensive work has been undertaken to ensure that the properties meet the original criteria of being disabled accessible and incorporate green solutions.

Further details of the funding arrangements, including the total estimated cost are provided in the confidential Appendix A attached to the report.

Options Considered:

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillors L Keeble & Mrs K K Trott addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) notes the updates made to the scheme; and
- (b) agrees the funding mechanisms, as outlined in the confidential Appendix A to the report.

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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2254

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Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Fareham Borough Council Social Housing Rents Policy
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Providing housing choices

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the draft Fareham Borough Council Social Housing Rents Policy.

In February 2019 the Government issued a Direction to the Rent Standard and a Policy Statement on Rents for Social Housing. These have enabled Local Authorities to be able to increase rents from 1 April 2020 by CPI + 1%.

In order to bring the legislation together, continue the delivery of affordable housing and provide transparency on how the Council sets rent for its properties, the Housing Department has produced a draft Social Housing Rents Policy.

The Housing Scrutiny Panel considered the report on 4 February 2021 and had no comments for the Executive.

An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken and has not identified any impacts for the protected characteristics.

Options Considered:

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

As recommendation.

Decision:

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

Reason:

To detail how the Council set rent levels for its social and affordable housing properties.

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2255

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Monday, 1 March 2021

Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Fareham Housing Regeneration Strategy and Menin House
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Providing housing choices

Purpose:

This report seeks approval to adopt the Fareham Housing Regeneration Strategy which provides improved transparency and information on how redevelopment and regeneration opportunities of Council housing stock will be identified and progressed.

To also agree the principle to seek a redevelopment of Menin House in North West Fareham, as detailed in Appendix B to the report.

The draft strategy details the factors that will be considered when identifying and progressing housing regeneration opportunities. Individual site-specific appendices will be produced for consideration by the Executive over time, the first of which (Menin House) is included in Appendix B to the report.

The draft strategy is clear that there is no 'one size fits all' approach when it comes to identifying a project. The factors that will typically be considered are detailed in the draft strategy; this provides a framework and improved transparency on how regeneration and redevelopment sites will be identified and selected.

The adoption of a Fareham Housing Regeneration Strategy will be an important step toward the replacement of some of the Council's poorer quality housing stock.

Options Considered:

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillors P Davies, L Keeble and Mrs K K Trott addressed the Executive on this item.

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

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) to adopt the Fareham Housing Regeneration Strategy as provided in Appendix A to the report;
- (b) the principle of seeking a redevelopment of Menin House (to include adjacent garages/land) to provide new and improved affordable housing; and
- (c) to include the site specific Menin House Appendix (Appendix B to the report) with the Fareham Housing Regeneration Strategy.

Reason:

To ensure the content of the Fareham Housing Regeneration Strategy is acceptable and that the principle to seek a redevelopment of Menin House is appropriate.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Monday, 1 March 2021

Portfolio	Streetscene
Subject:	Interim Arrangements for Floral Displays and In Bloom 2021
Report of:	Head of Streetscene
Corporate Priority:	Protect and enhance the environment

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to agree interim arrangements for the planting of floral displays and South East in Bloom and Fareham in Bloom competitions in 2021.

As a result of the pandemic that struck in the Spring of 2020, the planting of floral displays was suspended, Fareham in Bloom took place as a virtual competition and there was no entry in South East in Bloom.

Although there is hope of returning to normal in 2021, the continued uncertainty and impact of the pandemic, presents difficulties in planning and implementing the traditional arrangements for floral displays and organisation of the In-Bloom competitions.

In view of the current situation, consideration has been given to interim arrangements for 2021 that take account of the need to protect employees and volunteers, adhere to Government guidance and the constraints on the Council's grounds maintenance team.

Proposals for the interim arrangements for floral displays, South East in Bloom and Fareham in Bloom competitions in 2021 are set out in the report.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees the interim arrangements for floral displays, South East in Bloom and Fareham in Bloom competitions in 2021, as set out in the report.

Reason:

To ensure effective deployment of staff resources and to safeguard the health of volunteers and employees against the risks presented by the Covid-19 Coronavirus.

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Portfolio	Health and Public Protection
Subject:	Building Control Partnership Agreement
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Executive approval for the Council to agree to an updated Deed of Delegation and Memorandum of Association for the joint provision of Building Control services.

The Partnership legal agreement and Memorandum of Understanding have been updated to reflect the current operation of the partnership and to formalise a streamlined and more efficient financial management system.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that the Director of Planning and Regeneration sign an updated Deed of Delegation and Memorandum of Association for the joint provision of Building Control services.

Reason:

To ensure the legal documentation for the Partnership is up to date and reflective of current practices.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Monday, 1 March 2021

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Southampton and Fareham Legal Services Partnership Review
Report of:	Leigh Usher
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

This report provides an update on the Southampton and Fareham Legal Services Partnership and asks the Executive to consider extending the existing arrangements for a further two-year period.

Due to the success of the Partnership and following detailed discussions between senior officers of both Councils, it is proposed that the Southampton and Fareham Legal Services partnership be extended. Following the resource challenges experienced by both Councils during 2020 in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, it is suggested that a full review of the partnership be carried out during the 2 year period which may result in a revised and updated Deed of Delegation, should the recommendation be to continue with the partnership.

Options Considered:

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

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) to continue the partnership arrangements for the Southampton and Fareham Legal Services Partnership for an interim period of two years, with a full review of the partnership to be carried out by March 2023, which may result in a revised and updated Deed of Delegation; and
- (b) to delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, following consultation with the Executive Leader, to enter into such arrangements as are necessary and on such term as are reasonable.

Reason:

To continue to provide a robust and resilient legal service at an affordable cost to Fareham Borough Council.

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Monday, 1 March 2021

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Future of 42/44 West Street, Fareham
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Maintain and extend prosperity; Providing housing choices

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the marketing of 42/44 West Street ("the Property") on the basis of a Freehold as well as a Leasehold disposal depending on interest received to ensure best value is obtained for the Council.

The Property comprises retail accommodation on the ground floor and offices on the upper floors. The ground floor has been vacant since the end of 2019 and the Leasehold interest in the ground floor has been advertised since mid-2019. The upper floors are currently let on a monthly tenancy agreement.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees to:

- (a) commence marketing the Property on a Freehold basis as well as continuing to advertise the Leasehold interest in the property; and
- (b) delegates authority to the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, to complete a Freehold or Leasehold disposal of the Property in the event of receiving an acceptable offer.

Reason:

The Property is management intensive and not considered to be a strong investment property on a Leasehold basis, particularly in the current economic climate. A better value could be achieved in the current market by disposing of the Freehold. If authority is given to market the Freehold interest in the property as well as the Leasehold interest, then it enables the Council to ensure that best value is obtained. If a Freehold disposal is completed, then the capital receipt achieved from the sale of the Property will contribute towards future projects in the Council's capital programme.

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2260

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 1 March 2021

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Citizens of Honour Nominations 2021
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

As a direct response to the unprecedented events caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic, this report proposes an alternative to the annual Citizen and Young Citizen of Honour Awards for 2021.

Established in 1996, the Citizen and Young Citizen of Honour Awards have honoured 107 residents of the Borough over the past 23 years with nominations being received from all areas of Fareham.

With regard to last year's awards, (2020), a decision was taken by the Executive to reduce the number of winners to just one for each of the two categories. This was due to the closure of Ferneham Hall, which is usually used for the annual Mayor Making ceremony each year, including the Citizen of Honour awards, and the intention to hold the event in a smaller venue. To date the Mayor Making ceremony has not been able to take place due to Covid-19 restrictions, and the two winners for 2020 have yet to receive their awards.

It is proposed that, when current Covid-19 restrictions are relaxed and small groups of people are allowed to meet, a small reception is held with the Mayor within the Civic Offices for the two 2020 Citizen of Honour winners and a guest to receive their awards.

For 2021, in order to recognise the people and businesses who have played a key role in the Borough's response to the pandemic, it is proposed that the Council replaces the Citizen of Honour and Young Citizen of Honour Awards, for one year only, with 'Fareham's Covid heroes'. It is proposed that the public nominate adults (over 18), young people (under 18) and organisations who have acted above and beyond to help individuals, charitable organisations and businesses during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Everyone nominated for the award would receive a certificate of appreciation, signed by the Mayor and the Executive Leader of the Council, as a gesture of thanks, which

would be sent to each recipient by post.

There would also be up to five selected winners for each category of adult, young person and organisation, chosen by the Executive. All winners would receive a medal and entry into the Council roll of honour.

The Citizen of Honour and Young Citizen of Honour awards will resume in 2022 but would cover the period 2021-2022 to ensure that any nominations received in 2021 can still be considered. As a result, it is proposed to increase the number of winners from one to two for each category.

Options Considered:

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

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) the citizen of Honour and Young Citizen of Honour Awards are rested for one year;
- (b) a new one-year initiative be approved to identify 'Fareham's Covid Heroes' which would have three categories: adult (over 18), young person (under 18) and organisations;
- (c) all those nominated will receive a Certificate of Appreciation, signed by the Mayor and the Executive Leader;
- (d) there will be five selected winners for each category; and
- (e) when the Citizen of Honour and Young Citizen of Honour awards resume in 2021, nominations can be made for non Covid-19 related actions or deeds that have occurred during the preceding two years (2020 and 2021).

Reason:

Whilst the Citizen of Honour and Young Citizen of Honour Awards are valuable initiatives for rewarding local residents, this has been an unprecedented year that has seen national lockdowns, tiers and restrictions. As a result, many vulnerable residents have needed, and received, help on an unprecedented scale, and many residents and organisations have responded wholeheartedly to meet this need.

A 'Covid Heroes' campaign will enable the Council to recognise many more of the community than the current award scheme allows.

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Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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