

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA

HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

SCRUTINY PANEL

Date: Tuesday, 19 January 2021

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Members:

Councillor I Bastable (Chairman)

Councillor Ms S Pankhurst (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors K A Barton
Mrs P M Bryant
Mrs T L Ellis
Miss T G Harper
J G Kelly

Deputies: S Cunningham

P J Davies

Mrs K K Trott



1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel held on 27 October 2020.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest and Disclosures or Advice or Directions

To receive any declarations of interest from members in accordance with Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct and disclosures of advice or directions received from Group Leaders or Political Groups, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been lodged.

6. The Impact of the Grenfell Enquiry on the Building Control Service (Pages 11 - 12)

To receive a presentation by the Head of Building Control which provides Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the Impact of the Grenfell Enquiry on the Council's Building Control Service.

7. Executive Business (Pages 13 - 14)

To consider any items of business dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel, that falls under the remit of the Health and Public Protection Portfolio. This will include any decisions taken by individual Members during the same time period.

(1) Community Safety and CCTV Review (Pages 15 - 18)

(2) Procurement of new pay on foot parking equipment and pay and display parking machines (Pages 19 - 20)

(3) Concessionary and Season Ticket options at Coastal car parks (Pages 21 - 22)

8. Executive Member Update

To receive a verbal update from the Executive Member on matters relating to the Health and Public Protection portfolio, e.g the Police and Crime Panel and Local Strategic Health issues.

9. Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel Priorities

To provide an opportunity for Members to consider the scrutiny priorities for the Health and Public Protection Panel.



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Minutes of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 27 October 2020

Venue: Virtual Meeting - Microsoft Teams

PRESENT:

Councillor I Bastable (Chairman)

Councillor Ms S Pankhurst (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: K A Barton, Mrs P M Bryant, Mrs T L Ellis, Miss T G Harper and J G Kelly

Also Present: Councillors J S Forrest (for item 8), Mrs K K Trott (for items 8 and 9) and T M Cartwright, MBE (for items 7, 8 and 9)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 16 January 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OR ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

There were no items of Executive Business for consideration at this meeting.

7. EXECUTIVE MEMBER UPDATE

The Panel received a verbal update from Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE, the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection, on Local Strategic Health issues and Police and Public Protection matters.

Police and Public Protection matters

The Police and Crime Panel met on the 02 October 2020. Unfortunately, the Commissioner had not been able to attend the meeting due to illness. Councillor Cartwright highlighted the following points from the meeting:

- The Panel reviewed the Commissioner's annual report which summarises what has happened over the past year and outlines funding allocations to various community safety services across the County.
- A Police and Crime Plan Decisions update was received, which covered the decisions taken in the past few months and the funding awards made.
- The Commissioner's annual report was discussed and several questions put forward to scrutinise issues such as backlogs in court cases caused by the pandemic, co-ordination with other agencies to meet the wider challenges faced as a result of the pandemic, the impact

on road safety measures and action taken to tackle the increase in domestic abuse cases.

- An update was given by the Chief Constable, which was very informative and outlined what has happened since the start of the Covid-19 lockdown. This covered how there has been a significant reduction in normal calls being received which has been offset by a 700% increase in online enquiries. As expected, things have been quite difficult over recent months although normal duties are now resuming. On the Justice Challenge, the number of cases charged and awaiting court hearings has increased from 2,500 to over 5,000 which is a significant backlog. Staff welfare is a priority and staff are being well looked after and encouraged to keep fit. The budget is currently £0.9m underspent and the Force is currently 99 officers over establishment, however the upcoming funding gap continues to be a concern and the precept payment, which is discussed in January, will be very important. 91 new police constables passed out in September and are now out on the street. Only 4 are in Fareham, however the Chief Inspector is happy with the staffing arrangements and feels that he has an excellent team in place to meet the needs of the Borough.
- An announcement was made recently by the Police Crime Commissioner that the Home Secretary will enshrine a new covenant in law to enhance support and protection for police officers against unacceptable incidents such as spitting.

Councillor Cartwright also advised Members that he will be attending the first meeting of the re-established Joint Gypsy/Traveller Panel next week and will include an update on the outcomes from the meeting in his next update.

Local Strategic Health Matters

Councillor Cartwright reported on concerns that the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) appears to be undergoing further restructuring and amalgamation which could result in a return to a single Clinical Commissioning Group for the whole of Hampshire. This is a concern for local patient groups who feel that there is a danger that this will cause a significant reduction in patient engagement. Councillor Cartwright commented that a recent meeting he attended was overwhelmingly comprised of NHS personnel with very little democratic representation. Councillor Cartwright also commented that the CCG Community Engagement Panel has not met for quite some time, although it has tried to engage with the Council around voluntary services.

Councillor Cartwright reported that he recently received a letter from the Chief Executive of QA providing an update on the current situation at the hospital and outlining what they are doing in the coming year. The main points were summarised as follows:

- Planning is taking place around the increasing impact of Covid-19 and preparations are being made to deal with the increase in demand for services over the winter months.

- Patients are being encouraged to ensure that they attend hospital appointments – particularly those needing cancer treatments.
- Access to urgent care is being enhanced with the introduction of an appointment booking service via 111 which enables people to book an Emergency department appointment slot at the hospital. Over 1,200 patients have accessed this service through this route so far.
- The new Emergency Department Care Programme is moving ahead well. The Strategic outline case has been approved by the Health Secretary and work is now being done on the outline business case.
- The electronic prescribing medicines administration is now up and running and is working well. This system removes the lengthy waiting times for patients who need to collect medication when they are discharged from hospital.

Finally, Councillor Cartwright advised Members that he has received a letter from the University of Portsmouth advising of a feasibility study that is taking place in respect of the establishment of the University of Portsmouth Education Programme and Medical School, which will link up with QA which is also a university hospital. Councillor Cartwright commented that if this goes ahead, it would be very good for the area.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CCTV

The Panel considered a report and received a supporting presentation on the Community Safety and CCTV review that will be considered by the Executive at its meeting on 02 November 2020.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillors J Forrest and Mrs K K Trott addressed the Panel on this item.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE Executive Member for Health and Public Protection addressed the Panel on this item to provide answers and clarity to some of the questions and comments raised by Members.

Members raised the following points during the discussion on this item:

The new service provided by the security officers patrolling the town centre is excellent and extremely worthwhile. They provide a very valuable support service to the police.

The proposed increase in enforcement officers is very welcome – particularly if they will be trained by the security guards who currently patrol the Town Centre. However, there needs to be a wider presence to cover outer parts of the Borough that have seen an upswing in anti-social behaviour as a result of the successes achieved in the Town Centre.

It is concerning that there are no proposals to retain any cameras in the Highlands Road area as they act as a deterrent against anti-social behaviour.

The monitoring period of the cameras did not cover the times when the greatest level of anti-social behaviour takes place at Highlands Road, the summer, and may not therefore provide a true representation of the need to retain them.

The decision to make a small charge for 'Access All Areas' makes sense as it provides fantastic value for money, particularly when compared with other provision that is available. However, some families on low incomes may struggle to be able to afford it. Can some sort of concession be made for these families?

With the loss of the control room, how will the Out of Hours service continue to operate effectively and provide the same level of service that it currently provides?

It is concerning that there will no longer be any cameras at Portchester precinct. McColl's Convenience store has been broken into several times this year and the cameras covering the car park make residents feel safe in using the car park. Could there be at least one camera that faces straight down the length of the precinct?

How will the Highways ROMANSE scheme work with the new technology? Will it be compatible?

It will be great to have a more re-active service available with the deployable cameras but how will we be able to apply for the use of the cameras in an area and how quickly can the cameras be deployed?

Residents have complained in the past that the cameras at Broadlaw are not positioned in the correct place to be able to capture footage of anti-social behaviour and therefore may not accurately reflect the level of need for retaining a camera there.

How long will it take to be able access footage from the cameras when it is needed?

The improved specification of the cameras is fantastic and much clearer. Hopefully this will bring some of the issues that face the Town Centre into sharper focus.

RESOLVED that the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the presentation, the draft Executive report and the detailed results outlined in the confidential Appendix to be presented to the 02 November meeting of the Executive for consideration.

9. HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs K K Trott addressed the Panel on this item.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE, Executive Member for Health and Public Protection addressed the Panel on this item.

Members considered and reviewed the scrutiny priorities for the Panel and agreed the need to scrutinise how building regulations are changing as a result of the Grenfell Enquiry and what the implications are for Fareham's Building Control Team. It was felt that this matter should be brought forward as soon as possible, and it was therefore agreed that the item should be added to the agenda for the meeting due to be held on 19 January 2021. It was further agreed that the Scoping report to be presented to the Head of Building Control would be prepared by the Director of Leisure and Community, following consultation with the Chairman.

RESOLVED that the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel agrees that:

- (a) an item be added to the Scrutiny Priorities for the Panel entitled 'The Impact of the Grenfell Enquiry on the Building Control Service';
- (b) the item entitled 'The Impact of the Grenfell Enquiry on the Building Control Service' be add to the agenda of the meeting to be held on 19 January 2021; and
- (c) the Director of Leisure and Community, following consultation with the Chairman of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel, prepare a scoping report to outline the Panel's requirements to the Head of the Building Control Service.

(The meeting started at 6.03 pm
and ended at 7.43 pm).

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Presentation to Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

Date: 19 January 2021

Report of: Head of Building Control

Subject: The Impact of the Grenfell Enquiry on the Council's Building Control Service

SUMMARY

Members will receive a presentation which outlines the impact of the Grenfell Enquiry on the Council's Building Control Service

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members consider the presentation and make any comments or raise any questions for clarification.

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Report to Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

Date **19 January 2021**

Report of: **Director of Leisure and Community**

Subject: **EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

SUMMARY

One of the key functions of the Scrutiny Panels is to hold the Executive Portfolio Holder and Senior Officers to account in the delivery of the service and the Improvement Actions identified in the Council's Corporate Priorities and Corporate Vision.

Members are therefore invited to consider the items of business that fall under the remit of the Health and Public Protection portfolio and have been dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel. This also includes any decisions taken by individual Executive Members.

The relevant notices for decisions taken are attached for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members consider the items of Business discharged by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel and make any comments or raise any questions for clarification.

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2020/21
Decision No.
2229

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 2 November 2020

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.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

Monday, 2 November 2020

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

2020/21
Decision No.
2234

Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for Health and Public Protection

Thursday, 3 December 2020

Portfolio	Health and Public Protection
Subject:	Procurement of new pay on foot parking equipment and pay and display parking machines
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

To approve the contract award for the procurement of new Pay-on-Foot machines for Osborn Road multi-storey car park and Markey Quay car park and for new solar powered Pay and Display machines for all coastal car parks within the Borough.

At its meeting on 07 September 2020, the Executive received a report on the recent Parking Service Review. At this meeting the following was resolved:

- new Pay-on-Foot machines be installed in Osborn Road multi-storey car park, Fareham shoppers' car park and Markey Quay car park and a budget of £250,000 be allocated for this purpose;
- a charge of £1 per hour up to a maximum of £5 per day be introduced in all coastal car parks within the Borough during the hours of 10am to 5pm;
- new solar powered Pay and Display machines be installed in all coastal car parks and a budget of £75,000 in total be allocated for this purpose.

Officers have since been considering the various options for purchasing the above equipment, and fortunately, there is a purchasing framework solution that the council can use for the purchase of parking equipment known as Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO). ESPO is a public sector owned professional buying organisation, which provides a comprehensive procurement service to Local Authorities. Using a framework arrangement ensures that the buying process is fully compliant with EU and UK procurement legislation. All suppliers listed on such frameworks have been assessed during the procurement process for their financial stability, track record, experience and professional ability. Framework terms and conditions have been pre-agreed to ensure that they are fair, transparent and in the best interest of the purchaser.

ESPO framework 509 deals with Parking Management Solutions and within that Framework there are two lots which are relevant to the equipment that Fareham now wishes to procure. Lot 1 deals with pay and display machines, whilst Lot 2 deals with pay on foot equipment.

The Council intends to procure from this framework for both elements. The framework allows the Council to select a provider from the framework without further competition where it can, by reference to pricing and technical information provided by ESPO, identify the provider that best meets its requirements and this approach was applied in both cases.

Lot 1 - Pay and Display

A scoping exercise was undertaken regarding the Council's coastal car parks and it was determined that 17 pay and display machines would be required to support the introduction of coastal car park charging.

The call-off without further competition exercise described above was undertaken with 8 companies on the Lot 1 framework. The Pricing detail can be seen in confidential Appendix A attached to this report.

Lot 2 - Pay on Foot

A scoping exercise was also undertaken for the replacement of the town centre parking equipment. This was a little more complicated as the back-office computer systems and servers etc also require replacement due to their age.

A comparison of the basic elements of equipment that require replacement was undertaken with 11 companies. The pricing detail can be seen at confidential Appendix A attached to the report.

Options Considered:

Councillor I J Bastable addressed the Executive Member on this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection agrees:

- (a) to award the pay and display element of the contract to contractor number 6, as detailed in the confidential Appendix A to the report; and
- (b) to award the pay on foot element of the contract to contractor number 2, as detailed in the confidential Appendix A to the report.

Reason:

As detailed in the report.

Confirmed as a true record:

Executive Member for Health and Public Protection (Councillor Trevor Cartwright, MBE)

Thursday, 3 December 2020

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

2020/21
Decision No.
2241

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 4 January 2021

Portfolio	Health & Public Protection
Subject:	Concessionary and Season Ticket options at Coastal Car Parks
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

This report presents an update on the work that has taken place since the meeting of the Executive on 07 September 2020 and provides options for season tickets and concessions within the 9 individual coastal car parks within the Borough, equating to 598 parking spaces.

At the meeting of the Executive on 07 September, the introduction of a charge of £1 per hour up to 6 hours parking in the Council's 9 coastal car parks between 10am and 6pm was agreed.

In addition, a request was made that season ticket and concessionary arrangement options for individual coastal car parks be presented at a future meeting of the Executive, to include an option (in principle) for an £80 season ticket.

These options have been explored by officers, with detailed proposals outlined within the report.

Options Considered:

Councillor Miss S M Bell declared a personal interest in respect of this item of the agenda as she lives in Castle Street near to one of the coastal car parks and also sits on the Board of Trustees of St Mary's Church Parish Hall.

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

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) season tickets be valid for use in any coastal car park;
- (b) no limit is placed on the number of seasons tickets made available to the public;
- (c) season tickets sold to the public, including beach hut owners, will not be transferable between cars; and
- (d) only recognised coastal organisations such as the Sailing Clubs, Titchfield Haven, the Wheelhouse and St Mary's Church will be able to purchase transferable season tickets.

Reason:

To ensure that beach hut owners, organisations and residents of the Borough that make regular use of the coastal car parks have a choice of parking options, whilst ensuring that parking management and turnover of spaces is not unduly impacted.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

Monday, 4 January 2021