

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2021/22
Decision No.
2273

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 7 June 2021

Portfolio	Health and Public Protection
Subject:	Traffic Regulation Order for Coastal Car Parks - consideration of consultation responses and delegation by the Executive Leader of the Council to the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection to determine such orders in future
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 the recent Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation for coastal car parks and requests consideration by the Executive and a decision on the adoption of an updated Off-Street Parking Order, alongside changes to the Scheme of Delegation.

At the meeting of the Executive on 07 September 2020, the introduction of £1 hourly charging for up to 6 hours, between the hours of 10am and 6pm in the Borough's 9 coastal car parks was agreed.

A Season Ticket scheme was subsequently approved by the Executive on 04 January 2021. A Draft Off-Street Parking Place (Amendment 3) Order 2021 consultation took place between 19 March 2021 and 09 April 2021.

In response to feedback received, minor amendments were made to the Order, with the final version now being presented for consideration.

If approved, signage will be put in place and publicity arranged to ensure visitors are aware of the changes to the parking restrictions ahead of the introduction of charging this summer.

In addition, the Executive Leader of the Council has the sole ability to delegate authority to individual Executive Members to discharge executive functions where he considers it appropriate and expedient to do so. In relation to TROs the Executive Leader of the Council considers this to be appropriate i.e for the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection (or subsequent appropriate Executive Member) to consider representations and make decisions on future Traffic Regulation Orders in order to ensure the efficiency and timeliness of implementing any future changes

Options Considered:

A deputation was received in respect of this item from Gareth Jones.

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

In discussing this item, it was agreed that only the coastal car parks at Hove To and Passage Lane will allow Designated Season ticket holders to park for up to 14 days including overnight.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that having considered the representations made, the Executive agrees:

- (a) that only the coastal car parks at Hove To and Passage Lane will allow Designated Season ticket holders to park for up to 14 days, including overnight;
- (b) to adopt the updated Off-Street Parking Places (Amendment 3) Order found at Appendix A to the report; and

That the Executive Leader of the Council:-

- (c) amends the Scheme of Delegation to Individual Executive Members to grant the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection the delegated authority to determine future Traffic Regulation Orders.

Reason:

To allow the introduction of charging in the Council's coastal car parks and to approve changes to the Scheme of Delegation so that future changes to Traffic Regulation Orders can be agreed by the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Fareham Borough Council Climate Change Action Plan
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Protect and enhance the environment

Purpose:

To present to the Executive the Council's Climate Change Action Plan for comment and to seek adoption of this strategy.

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 was approved by the Executive as the basis for the Carbon Reduction Plan at the 12 October 2020 meeting.

This report outlines the contents of the Council's Climate Change Action Plan and details the actions the Council is taking to reach carbon neutrality.

Options Considered:

Deputations were received in respect of this item from Lesley Goddard and Anne Stephenson.

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

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees to adopt the Council's Climate Change Action Plan set out in Appendix A to this report.

Reason:

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

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Revised Publication Local Plan Consultation
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 Revised Publication Local Plan for consultation and subsequent submission to the Secretary of State for independent Examination.

This report proposes a consultation on the revisions made to the Publication Local Plan, hereafter termed the 'Revised Publication Local Plan'. The Revised Publication Local Plan takes into account the outcomes of the previous Publication Plan consultation undertaken in 2020 and the Government's announcement in December 2020 on the method of calculating housing need.

Once adopted, the policies and proposals contained within the Revised Publication (Regulation 19) 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 Publication Local Plan, and one change to Appendix G, the table of changes to the Publication Local Plan following on from the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel suggestions.

The comments of the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item and the recommendations accepted in full.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that, having accepted the recommendations of the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel, the Executive endorses and recommends to Council for approval that:

- (a) the Revised Publication Local Plan, as set out at Appendix A to the report, be published for a six-week period of public consultation, together with supporting documents included at Appendix B to G;
- (b) 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) 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 revised Publication Local Plan to the Secretary of State (together with any necessary minor modifications or changes that are required to ensure legal compliance and/or 'soundness'); and
- (d) the Revised Publication Local Plan be a material consideration to be afforded due weight in the determination of planning applications.

Reason:

To publish the Revised Publication Local Plan 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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Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Monday, 7 June 2021

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 (2021) 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 (AMS).

An up-to-date LDS ensures that the community and other interested parties are aware of the programme for preparing the Fareham Local Plan 2037 and importantly when there will be opportunities to respond to consultation on it.

The timetable set out in the LDS aims for the adoption of the Fareham Local Plan 2037 in Autumn/Winter 2022, with the next stage of the process being a consultation on the Revised Publication Plan in early summer 2021. This will be the version which takes into account the outcomes of previous Publication Plan consultation undertaken in 2020 and the Government's announcement in December 2020 on the method of calculating housing need. The Revised Publication Plan is the version we propose to submit to the Secretary of State.

Options Considered:

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

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) to adopt the Fareham Borough Local Development Scheme (June 2021) 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 2037, so that local communities and interested parties can keep track of progress.

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Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Housing Delivery Test Action Plan
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Protect and enhance the environment; Providing housing choices

Purpose:

To seek approval for the publication and implementation of the Housing Delivery Test Action Plan 2021.

In January 2021 the Ministry of Homes, Communities and Local Government published the 2020 Housing Delivery Test results. They identified that Fareham had achieved 79% of the housing delivery required in the Borough over the three years from 2017 to 2020. As delivery has fallen below 95% of the requirement, the Council is required to produce a Housing Delivery Test Action Plan. The plan should assess the causes of under-delivery to date and identify actions which the Council can take to reduce the risk of future under-delivery.

The Council's Housing Delivery Test Action Plan has been produced in line with national planning practice guidance and sets out the root causes of this result and the measures which the Council has already been taking to deal with these issues. As well as examining the causes affecting delivery to date, the Action Plan outlines the significant difficulties which the Council faces in relation to future Housing Delivery Test results. It includes a series of actions which the Council will continue to implement together with additional proposals to further tackle the Borough's housing delivery challenges.

Options Considered:

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

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Housing Delivery Test Action Plan 2021, attached as Appendix A to the report, be approved for publication and implementation.

Reason:

To meet the requirements of the Housing Delivery Test 2020.

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Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Approval of the Revised Charging Schedule for CIL
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	(All Corporate Priorities)

Purpose:

To seek Executive recommendation that Council approves the Revised Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule.

Following a six-week consultation period during the summer of 2020, the Revised Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule was submitted for independent examination in September 2020 in accordance with the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended). The Revised Charging Schedule sets a rate of £0 per sq.m for the area of Welborne but makes no changes to the rates in relation to the rest of the Borough. The examiner's report was received in April 2021. It recommended that the Charging Schedule with the amendments made in the Statement of Modifications should be approved in its published form. The Council may only approve a charging schedule if it is recommended by the Examiner.

In order that the Levy may come onto effect, the Revised Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule must be approved by a resolution of the full council. The report seeks Executive recommendation that the Council approves the Community Infrastructure Levy Revised Charging Schedule which will take effect on 15th June 2021.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive recommends to Council that the Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule, as set out in Appendix B to the report, and which will take effect on 15 June 2021, be approved.

Reason:

The Revised Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule is considered to meet the requirements of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) including setting an appropriate rate in relation to Regulation 14.

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Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Coastal Partnership - Chichester District Council request to join Coastal Partners
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Protect and enhance the environment

Purpose:

The purpose of the report is to seek approval for the Coastal Partnership to extend the Partnership to include Chichester District Council as an additional partner.

Building on the success since April 2012, of the Coastal Partnership to deliver a flood and erosion risk management service to Fareham Borough Council, Havant Borough Council, Portsmouth City Council and Gosport Borough Council an opportunity has arisen to add an additional partner, Chichester District Council. The report also considers the future of the Partnership working arrangements and highlights the possible benefits of further extensions should the opportunities arise.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the extension of the Coastal Partnership to include Chichester District Council as a member;
- (b) notes that the Head of the Coastal Partnership continues to discuss and explore with other local authorities in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight whether there is mutual benefit of extending the Coastal Partnership further should the opportunity arise; and
- (c) agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Development, to enter into a Section 113 Local Government Act Shared Service Agreement between Fareham Borough Council, Havant Borough Council, Portsmouth City Council, Gosport Borough Council and Chichester District Council.

Reason:

The delivery of a professional, efficient and cost-effective flood and erosion risk management service within Fareham is becoming increasingly challenging in response to climate change, public sector austerity and the loss of experienced officers from the sector. Key to the continuation of a robust and resilient service is sharing expertise and collaborating with other local authorities. It is also envisaged that additional partners will create a strong platform to operate more commercially and develop new income streams to keep the cost of the service at the current levels whilst providing a high-quality service.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Welcome Back Fund
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 agree the Council's approach to spending the Welcome Back Fund.

The Council has been allocated £168,270 from the Government's Welcome Back Fund for projects to help boost the look and feel of high street and coastal areas to support their re-opening as Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

This funding is for Council projects to support a safe return and welcome to residents and visitors. The funding builds on the Re-Opening High Streets Safely fund, for which the spend was agreed as part of the Economic Recovery Plan agreed in September 2020. Guidance is available with which the Council's activity plan must match, including on eligible projects, procurement routes and publicity requirements. This additional fund can support activities until March 2022.

Following cross-service discussions, a proposed activity list is included in the report for Executive consideration and approval. The proposed activity list focusses on events and activities to support the re-opening of high streets and green spaces across the Borough and is intended to fully maximise the funding available.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the Welcome Back Fund Activity Plan for submission to Government; and
- (b) agrees that the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, be authorised to make any necessary changes to the Activity Plan in order to ensure compliance with the funding requirement, and subject to further feasibility work, in relation to confirming the final costs.

Reason:

To agree how the Council will spend the £168,270 allocation for the Welcome Back Fund.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Additional Restrictions Grant - Wider Business Support Scheme
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:

To seek approval to establish a framework for Wider Business Support to use Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) funding to provide advice and training for Fareham businesses to support their transition and growth out of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented difficulties for many businesses throughout the last year. Whilst some businesses have managed to expand through this period, many businesses are having to seek grants, advice and training to help them through the changes experienced.

The Council has received ARG allocations to date of £3,357,164 and the Executive has already approved to spend a significant proportion of this on wider support, (£464,932).

This report proposes the Wider Business Support scheme which will run from June 2021 to March 2022. The scheme is informed by a business consultation with the Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Small Businesses, several Fareham businesses and the results of a recent online survey relating to the impacts of Covid on local businesses.

The report provides details of the recent procurement exercise to establish a framework of business support and training organisations and seeks approval to award the contract and establish the framework.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the award of contracts and the establishment of a framework for Wider Business Support Scheme to deliver a range of Wider Business Support;
- (b) approves the establishment of a separate voucher scheme for legal and financial support; and
- (c) agrees that the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, be authorised to make any necessary changes to the WBSS following early reviews of the scheme and informed by levels of uptake by potential participants.

Reason:

To utilise government funding to support businesses during and after the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 7 June 2021

Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Town Centre Property Acquisition
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Providing housing choices

Purpose:
NOT FOR PUBLICATION
By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
Of the Local Government Act 1972

Options Considered:
At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillors Mrs P M Bryant and Mrs K K Trott addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation

Decision:
RESOLVED that the Executive;

- (a) agrees, in principle, that the Council seeks to acquire the three properties, as set out in the report;
- (b) delegates authority to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, following consultation with the Executive Member for Housing, to agree the final acquisition cost and terms of purchase, subject to the purchase being within affordable levels; and
- (c) agrees the indicative budget for the remedial works to the property referenced at paragraph 4 of the report, and notes that a further report will be presented on the further conversion works of all three properties.

Reason:

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
Of the Local Government Act 1972

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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