

# FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Council

**Date:** Thursday, 29 July 2021

**Venue:** Council Chamber - Civic Offices

**PRESENT:**

Mrs P M Bryant  
(Mayor)

M J Ford, JP  
(Deputy Mayor)

**Councillors:** I Bastable, Mrs S M Bayford, F Birkett, Miss J Bull, T M Cartwright, MBE, Mrs L E Clubley, M R Daniells, T Davies, Mrs T L Ellis, G Fazackarley, J S Forrest, Miss T G Harper, Mrs P Hayre, Mrs C L A Hockley, Mrs J Kelly, J G Kelly, Mrs K Mandry, S D Martin, Ms S Pankhurst, R H Price, JP, Mrs K K Trott, N J Walker, Mrs S M Walker and S D T Woodward



**1. PRAYERS**

The meeting was opened with prayers led by the Deputy Mayor.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Davies, S Dugan, J M Englefield, N Gregory and L Keeble.

**3. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 June 2021.

**4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor announced that she hoped that members had enjoyed coming into the parlour again this evening after such a long period of absence.

Since the last Council meeting, the Mayor announced that she and the Mayoress have had the privilege of carrying out a number of engagements including the reopening of the Portchester post office, presenting certificates to volunteers at the community hospital, raising the flag with the Captain of Collingwood to commemorate Armed Forces week and, on a hot but well organised day, attending One Community's Showcase event where the Mayor and Mayoress were able to see more than 70 participating charities.

The Mayor announced that she also had the pleasure of judging the first Children's Business Fair in West Street. Some of the young entrepreneurs showed great imagination and a real sense of business and most of them were just 12 or 13 years of age.

The Mayor also announced what a treat it had been to be able to open Abbey Meadows and stated what a credit it is to the officers who planned the site. Members who have not yet visited the site were encouraged to do so as it is a wonderful addition to the play areas and other sites around the Borough. There is a good car park, lovely walks around the meadows and the site is dog friendly.

The Mayor announced that, at the Leader's suggestion, along with several other Members she visited Fareham railway station at 11pm one evening to welcome back Mike Homer who was returning from his travels by train, visiting 100 Royal British Legion branches in 100 hours. This was a fantastic achievement for this gentleman in his wheelchair and the Mayor was very proud to see him come back. Mike was raising funds for the Poppy Appeal as he was unable to raise money last year. The Mayor was sure that other Members would agree with her that whilst waiting for Mike's train, there was

some memorable entertainment from a lively crew up on the station as the England football team had just won their semi-final of Euro 2020!

Since then, the Mayor and Mayoress have opened the new Rowan's shop in Park Gate and last week had a great charity evening at Antonio's restaurant, raising £1,000 for the Rowan's Hospice. Antonio has kindly offered another charity evening, in aid of the Fareport Talking News, on Wednesday 22 September. The event is already getting booked up and Members were encouraged to book sooner rather than later if they wished to attend.

## **5. MAYOR'S CADET PRESENTATION**

The Mayor announced that she had been due to present a certificate to the Mayors' Cadet to mark the end of her service but unfortunately, due to work commitments, the Mayor's Cadet was unable to attend and therefore alternative arrangements will be made.

## **6. EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Executive Leader announced that he was pleased to advise Members at the July meeting of the Executive, that the level of financial support from the Government during the pandemic was higher than expected when we set the emergency budget last Summer. This is good news because it meant that we did not have to tap into General Fund reserves to offset the severe impact of COVID-19 on Council finances in 2020/21. Government funding paid for the extraordinary work that our officers did in responding to the pandemic, helping the clinically vulnerable, supporting businesses with grants and keeping our vital services running. The Leader stated that this does not, however, address the underlying gap in the medium-term finances of well over £1m, which was identified before the pandemic, and still exists.

The Executive Leader went on to say that there has been some natural disquiet about the introduction of charges for the garden waste service and coastal parking, and these were not decisions taken lightly, but they are necessary to meet the on-going financial pressures that will be placed on the Council for several years to come. It is important to remember that these are discretionary services and it is right that the costs are borne by those who choose to use the service rather than all council taxpayers. The Council has been careful to set prices at a sensible level for customers but also allow us to continue delivering and investing in our many discretionary services. This is especially important for areas such as Streetscene where we will spend £2.4m on new vehicles alone, and for car parking maintenance and improvements, which is estimated to be £6.2m over the next 5 years.

## **7. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Executive Member for Health and Public Protection made the following announcements:

### **QA Hospital**

The new £58m Emergency Department at QA has now received Outline Planning Permission from Portsmouth City Council. It will be built on the existing multi-storey staff car park which will be demolished and replaced with a new three-level building with blue light vehicle access together with 216 parking spaces under the building. The new design will improve waiting times and will include radiology teams for Scans (including CT) and tests. It will also double the resuscitation capacity. Construction work will start in the Autumn of next year.

Also, at the same time, there will be built a new 72-bed ward on the north of the site and a new four-storey car park.

The Executive Member will keep Council informed of progress.

### **CCG meeting**

On Tuesday 27 July, The Chief Executive Officer, the Director of Leisure and Community and the Executive Member met with key Clinical Commissioning Group managers and Primary Care Network Clinical Lead's for the Borough of Fareham. The meeting was held at the request of the CCG, to discuss how we might work better together in terms of communicating key messages to our residents.

It was a positive meeting and will hopefully lead to a more constructive arrangement of partnership working going forward. Further meetings are to be held where priorities, joint actions and outcomes will be discussed and mobilised.

The Executive Member will keep the Council informed of progress.

## **Planning and Development**

### **CAT Meetings**

The Executive Member announced that the Council has now held a series of CAT meetings and exhibitions across the Borough in relation to the Revised Publication Local Plan consultation which will end tomorrow (Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July). Turnout was lower than at previous consultations which may be a reflection of ongoing concerns about the Covid-19 pandemic, despite the events being run in a socially distanced manner. The Council's Communications and Planning Strategy teams were available for 2.5 hours on each of five afternoons to answer any questions that attendees had.

Over fifty people attended the exhibitions before the CAT meetings and approximately ninety people attending the CAT meetings themselves. Comments ranged from queries on particular sites, questions on how to respond to the consultation and comments on other planning matters.

The virtual exhibition has proved to be popular during this consultation, as it was during the previous consultation where it was used to complement our normal consultation methods during the Covid-19 pandemic. Over the consultation period, the virtual exhibition has received over 1,200 visits, generating over 2,500 visits to the Local Plan pages of our website.

Following the close of the consultation tomorrow, Officers will read each response and prepare a summary of the main issues raised to accompany the submission of the Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate. In line with our Local Development Scheme, submission is proposed for this autumn and through future announcements, The Executive member confirmed that he will keep Council informed as we reach this important stage in the preparation of our new Local Plan.

### **Newgate Lane Appeal Decision**

We were informed by the Planning Inspector yesterday that the Council has unfortunately lost the planning appeal in relation to land east of Newgate Lane east. This was a co-joined appeal for outline applications in both Fareham and Gosport Borough Council's administrative areas, as the access to the site for 99 homes would lie in Gosport.

The Inspector concluded that despite issues of strategic gap, best and most versatile land and conflict with our adopted plan development strategy, in light of our persistent lack of five-year supply, outline permission for 99 homes was granted.

The Council's Publication Local Plan does not include this site, nor the fields to the north which were previously included in earlier Local Plan consultations as the site 'HA2 Land east of Newgate Lane'. Reasons for excluding this site from the more advanced stages of the plan weigh heavily on the conflict with the strategic gap policy and the most recent technical evidence which finds that this area of the borough cannot accept development in a way that complies with our policy.

This view was upheld by the Inspector who said that when taking the Fareham -Stubbington Strategic gap as a whole this site's size is relatively modest but there would be harm to the Strategic gap by way of a reduction in the physical and visual separation between Peel Common and Bridgemary.

Despite the outcome, the Inspector attributed significant weight to the conflict with the Strategic Gap policy. Therefore, the development strategy in the Publication Plan, which is currently out to consultation, to exclude development in this area requires no amendment and the Council will continue to defend this part of the Strategic Gap from harmful speculative developments.

This disappointing news is tempered by a more positive position with regards to affordable housing provision in the Borough as a result of the appeal decision.

The successful Appeal was made by Bargate Homes who are owned by Vivid Homes, a large registered provider of affordable housing. It is the appellant's intention to develop the site as a 100% affordable housing scheme although as only 40% can be secured as affordable housing via the Planning Obligations, there can be no guarantee that more than 40% will be delivered as part of the development.

Notwithstanding the Appellant's stated intention to deliver 100% affordable housing on the site, there is no policy requirement to provide more than 40% affordable housing and doing so would apparently cause the Appellant difficulties in securing certain types of funding. At the hearing the Council was clear that the Inspector should only give the provision of affordable housing at the site weight in the planning balance proportionate to the 40% provision secured in the section 106. In effect the Council reminded the Inspector that he ought not to give the provision of 100% affordable housing more weight than it should bearing in mind only 40% was legally guaranteed.

The Appellant and the Council did agree to an additional planning condition at the request of Officers which the Inspector has agreed to impose which provides some control over the additional affordable housing to be provided.

This condition does not require a higher level of affordable housing provision but means that, in the event more than 40% is provided the Council will be able to ensure a suitable community lettings plan is followed.

## **Housing**

### **Rose Court Development**

The Executive Member put forward his thanks to the Mayor for officially opening the Rose Court development on Highlands Road. The development has delivered 18 social housing units within the Borough which are very much needed. The Executive Member stated that he looks forward to reporting on further Council built developments in the future.

## **8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor S D T Woodward declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of item 16 on the agenda as he is the Chairman of the Harbour Board for the River Hamble.

Councillor M J Ford, JP declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of item 16 on the agenda as he is a member of the Harbour Board for the River Hamble.

The Mayor declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of item 16 as she is also a member of the Harbour Board for the River Hamble

## **9. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

There were no petitions presented at this meeting.

## **10. DEPUTATIONS**

A written deputation was received from Mr Gareth Jones in respect of the Council's Revenue budget shortfall. A copy of the written statement is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

## **11. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

- (1) Minutes of meeting Monday, 5 July 2021 of Executive

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on Monday 05 July 2021 be received.

- (2) Schedule of Executive Member and Officer Delegated Decisions

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Individual Executive Member and Officer Delegated Decisions be received.

- (3) Schedule of Urgency Provisions

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Urgency Provisions be received.

## **12. REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES**

- (1) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 26 May 2021 of Planning Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 26 May 2021 be received.

- (2) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 16 June 2021 of Planning Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 16 June 2021 be received.

- (3) Minutes of meeting Monday, 12 July 2021 of Audit and Governance Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee meeting held on Monday 12 July 2021 be received.

- (4) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 20 July 2021 of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee held on Tuesday 20 July 2021 be received.

## **13. REPORTS OF THE SCRUTINY PANELS**

- (1) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 27 May 2021 of Climate Change Scrutiny Panel

It was noted under this item that the minutes of the meeting of the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel held on Thursday 27 May 2021 were received by Council at the meeting held on 10 June 2021.

- (2) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 1 June 2021 of Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting held on Tuesday 01 June 2021 be received.

- (3) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 8 July 2021 of Housing Scrutiny Panel

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Scrutiny Panel held on 08 July 2021 be received.

- (4) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 13 July 2021 of Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel held on Tuesday 13 July 2021 be received.

- (5) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 15 July 2021 of Streetscene Scrutiny Panel

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel held on Thursday 15 July 2021 be received.

- (6) Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel held on Monday 28 June 2021

The minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel held on Monday 28 June 2021 were tabled at the meeting and are attached to these minutes as Appendix B.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel meeting held on Monday 28 June 2021 be received.

- (7) Minutes of the meeting of the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel held on Thursday 24 June 2021

The minutes of the meeting of the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel held on Thursday 24 June 2021 were tabled at the meeting and are attached to these minutes as Appendix C.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel held on Thursday 24 June 2021 be received.

**14. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 2.12**

There were no questions submitted at this meeting.

**15. MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 2.6**

There were no motions submitted at this meeting.

**16. BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES- 2023 REVIEW**

Councillor S D T Woodward declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as he is the Chairman of the Harbour Board for the River Hamble.

Councillor M J Ford, JP declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as he is a member of the Harbour Board for the River Hamble.

The Mayor declared a non-pecuniary interest on this item as she is also a member of the Harbour Board for the River Hamble

Following on from the recommendations made by the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee made at its meeting on 20 July 2021, an updated version of Appendix B to the report was tabled at the meeting in respect of paragraphs 7, 11, 15 and 18. This document is attached to these minutes as Appendix D.

During a debate on this item an amendment was proposed by Councillor R H Price, JP and seconded by Councillor J S Forrest that the wording at paragraph 7 of the updates to Appendix B be amended to read:

“Fareham is shaped by the trunk of the River Hamble to the west and the Coastal inlet of Paulsgrove Lake to the east. The topographical map below illustrates how the chalk ridge of Portsdown Hill creates a natural barrier.”

On being put to the vote, the amendment was agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Council:

- (a) approves the draft consultation response as set out in Appendix B to the report, including the amendments recommended by the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee as set out from paragraph 21 of the report, subject to:
  - (i) the amendments to Appendix B to the report as outlined in the tabled item; and
  - (ii) the revised wording to paragraph 7 of Appendix B to the report as outlined above
- (b) agrees that, subject to the amendments in (a) above, the response is formally submitted to the Boundary Commission for England.

**17. CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

RESOLVED that the Council notes that:

- (a) the date of the Audit and Governance Committee meeting scheduled to take place on 26 July 2021 was moved and took place on 12 July 2021; and

(b) the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee scheduled to take place on 08 June 2021 was cancelled.

**18. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES**

Updates to the Independent Group appointments were made as follows:

Councillor L Keeble to be appointed to the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel, the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel and the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee with Councillor G Fazackarley as the deputy on all.

Councillor L Keeble to be appointed as the group spokesman for the Planning and Development portfolio and the Streetscene portfolio.

RESOLVED that the Council notes the revised appointments made by the Independent Group.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm  
and ended at 6.55 pm).

## Gareth Jones – Deputation to Council meeting – 29 July 2021

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In the next three years FBC will have a revenue budget shortfall of £1.7million, approximately £560k per year.

We have been told that because of this it has been necessary to introduce coastal parking charges and shortly the same at Portchester Castle.

In addition, in Feb 2022, residents will be charged significantly more than it costs to provide, for a new discretionary green waste collection service. I.E the charge will be £60 for a 240 litre bin v £29 actual cost. The remaining £31 is profit.

These two combined additional taxes will earn between £3.6 m and £4.92 m in the next three years. Far in excess of what is required to cover the budget shortfall of £1.7m.

As well as this the Council will accrue a capital **surplus** of £7.5 m in the next three years.

As well as this at the Councils Executive meeting held on the 5th of July a further £1.19 m has been transferred to the reserves as a consequence of an under spend in respect of money the Council has received from central government in respect of Covid related grants.

The following is an abridged extract from the minutes of this meeting:

“Due to the effects of the pandemic there was the potential need to use £1.1 million of the Council’s reserves to plug the funding gap for its services in 2020/21. **The Council has however benefitted from Government COVID grants totalling £3.8 million during the year.**

The final net budget outturn position is **£1,211,254 less** than the final revised budget agreed by the Executive in February 2021. This has meant that the anticipated drawing from reserves has **not materialised**. The largest contributing factor has been the unplanned additional Government support.

This has resulted in underspend to £1,195,093. **This underspend has been transferred to reserves.”**

**This means that around £5m sits in the reserves that is not committed to any other expenditure which is around £3m over the minimum required balance of 5% of Gross Expenditure.**

**All of this means that the residents of Fareham will be paying more in additional taxes than they need to through the introduction of coastal parking charges and a charge for green waste collection that is far in excess of that which is required.**

**Is the Full council content with this state of affairs?**



# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

APPENDIX B

### Minutes of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

**Date:** Monday, 28 June 2021

**Venue:** Council Chamber - Civic Offices

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor** Mrs S M Bayford (Chairman)

**Councillor** N J Walker (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:** Miss J Bull, Mr M R Daniells, Miss T G Harper,  
Mrs C L A Hockley and J G Kelly

**Also Present:** Councillor S D T Woodward, Executive Member for Policy and Resources (Item 7)



**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies of absence.

**2. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 2 March 2021, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's announcements made at this meeting.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTION**

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

**5. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations received at this meeting.

**6. CAPITAL & TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN 2020-21**

The Panel considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer on the capital & treasury management outturn for 2020/21.

At the request of the Chairman, the Deputy Chief Executive Officer gave the Panel a brief explanation on the Council's Commercial Investment Portfolio. There were several questions regarding the impact of the Pandemic on the investment portfolio. The Deputy Chief Executive Officer explained that there is always a level of risk when investing in commercial properties, however he reassured the Panel that the investments that the Council have made are low risk.

RESOLVED that the Panel recommends to the Executive at its meeting in 5 July, that it endorses the recommendations as set out in the report.

**7. GENERAL FUND & HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT OUTTURN 2020-21**

The Panel considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer on the general fund and housing revenue account outturn for 2020/21.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor S Woodward, Executive Member for Policy and Resources, addressed the Committee on this item. He reminded the Panel that whilst the level of government funding during the Pandemic has enabled the Council not to have to use its reserves this year, the Council was already facing financial pressure prior to Covid-19 and therefore any plans for further income streams that the Council has considered or implemented will need to continue in order to meet the on-going financial pressures that will be placed on the Council for several years to come.

RESOLVED that the Panel recommends to the Executive, at its meeting on 5 July 2021, that it endorses the recommendations set out in the report.

## **8. PRESENTATION ON ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS GRANT - WIDER BUSINESS SUPPORT SCHEME**

The Panel received a presentation by the Head of Finance and Audit on the wider business support scheme, which is being implemented using an allocation from the Additional Restrictions Grant funding. (A copy of this presentation has been appended to these minutes).

Members asked questions of the Head of Finance and Audit mainly relating to the monitoring of the take-up of the scheme compared to the grant funding allocated and regarding the impact of the previous and newly proposed training and guidance that is being offered to businesses. She confirmed that the take up of the scheme will be monitored and data on the businesses being helped will be collated. The support is intended to help businesses obtain advice and skills to help them future proof themselves going forward. Consideration is being given to some post payment assurance work to review how businesses have felt the support has helped them.

RESOLVED that the Head of Finance and Audit be thanked for her informative presentation.

## **9. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

The Panel considered the Executive items of business which fall under the remit of the Policy and Resources Portfolio, including Executive Member decisions and Officer delegated decisions, that have taken place since the last meeting of the Panel on 2 March 2021.

The Panel considered the decisions at item 9 (1) to 9 (7) of the agenda.

RESOLVED that the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel considered the following items of Executive Business.

### **(1) CITIZENS OF HONOUR NOMINATIONS 2021**

No comments were received.

### **(2) FUTURE OF 42/44 WEST STREET, FAREHAM**

No comments were received.

### **(3) SOUTHAMPTON AND FAREHAM LEGAL SERVICES PARTNERSHIP REVIEW**

No comments were received.

### **(4) IRRECOVERABLE DEBTS**

No comments were received.

**(5) LEVELLING UP FUND**

No comments were received.

**(6) ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS GRANT - WIDER BUSINESS SUPPORT SCHEME**

No comments were received.

**(7) WELCOME BACK FUND**

No comments were received.

**10. SCRUTINY PRIORITIES**

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer addressed the Panel on this item and reminded members of the items that are already on the plan, especially those scheduled for the next meeting.

He then invited Members to put forward any further items they would like to scrutinise. Councillor Mrs Hockley requested an update later in the year on how the business support schemes are working. The Deputy Chief Executive Officer confirmed that this would be included in the scrutiny plan.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm  
and ended at 7.08 pm).

# FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

APPENDIX C

## Minutes of the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

**Date:** Thursday, 24 June 2021

**Venue:** Council Chamber - Civic Offices

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor** S Dugan (Chairman)

**Councillor** (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:** Mrs S M Bayford, Miss J Bull, M J Ford, JP, J S Forrest,  
Mrs K Mandry and N J Walker (deputising for Mrs P Hayre)

**Also**

**Present:** Jonathan Butts (Co-opted Member), Councillor T M Cartwright  
(Item 5) and Councillor S Woodward (Item 5)



**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology of absence was received from Councillor Mrs P Hayre.

**2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting which was the first meeting of the new Daedalus Scrutiny Panel.

He also informed the Panel that he has been in discussion with Officers regarding a site visit to Daedalus, once all restrictions have been lifted, in order to give the Panel members a better understanding of the site and its layout.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTION**

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

**4. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations received at this meeting.

**5. DAEDALUS - DELIVERING THE COUNCIL'S VISION**

The Panel received a presentation by the Daedalus Strategic Lead on an overview of Daedalus focusing on the Council's vision for the site. (a copy of this presentation has been appended to these minutes).

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor S Woodward, Executive Member for Policy and Resources, addressed the Panel on this item.

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

The Director of Planning and Regeneration, and the Daedalus Strategic Lead took questions from the Panel following the presentation, which covered a wide variety of topics from commercial rents, IFA2, flight movements, lighting and the Airport operator. The Director of Planning and Regeneration clarified to the Panel that an aviation masterplan for Solent Airport needs to be developed in order for the Council to move forward with its vision for the whole of the Daedalus site.

The Panel also spent time discussing the presentation slide on future delivery priorities and agreed that both the short term and long-term priorities would be the guide for the Panel's Scrutiny Priority Plan.

RESOLVED that: -

- a) The Director of Planning and Regeneration, and the Daedalus Strategic Lead be thanked for their informative presentation; and

b) The contents of the presentation are noted.

## **6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

The Director of Planning and Regeneration addressed the Panel on this item to explain that items of Executive Business that are in relation to Daedalus, which would previously have been considered by the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel, would now be brought to future meetings of this Panel.

He confirmed for this meeting that there were no items of Executive Business to consider.

## **7. SCRUTINY PRIORITIES**

The Director of Planning and Regeneration addressed the Panel on this item. He confirmed that the items identified in the presentation at item 5 would help form part of the Scrutiny priorities plan but explained that the plan would be very fluid as these priorities may change as more progress is made at Daedalus.

He welcomed suggestions from the Panel as to any items they would like to see at future meetings. The Panel Chairman suggested a more detailed update on the performance of RCA in their role as airport operator. Councillor Ford suggested inviting RCA to a future meeting of the Panel so they could outline their future plans for the operation of Solent Airport. Councillor Mrs Mandry suggested a report on aviation fuel, focusing on how much we sell and to whom as part of the Solent Airport operation. Councillor Mrs Bayford requested an update on the Fareham Innovation Centre @ Daedalus, what businesses they currently have and their future plans. Jonathan Butts suggested a report on the risks to the delivery of the Daedalus Vision, principally pertaining to the future of the Solent Airport operation.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm  
and ended at 6.58 pm).



# Minute Item 16

Appendix D

Tabled item 16 Updates to Appendix B of the report

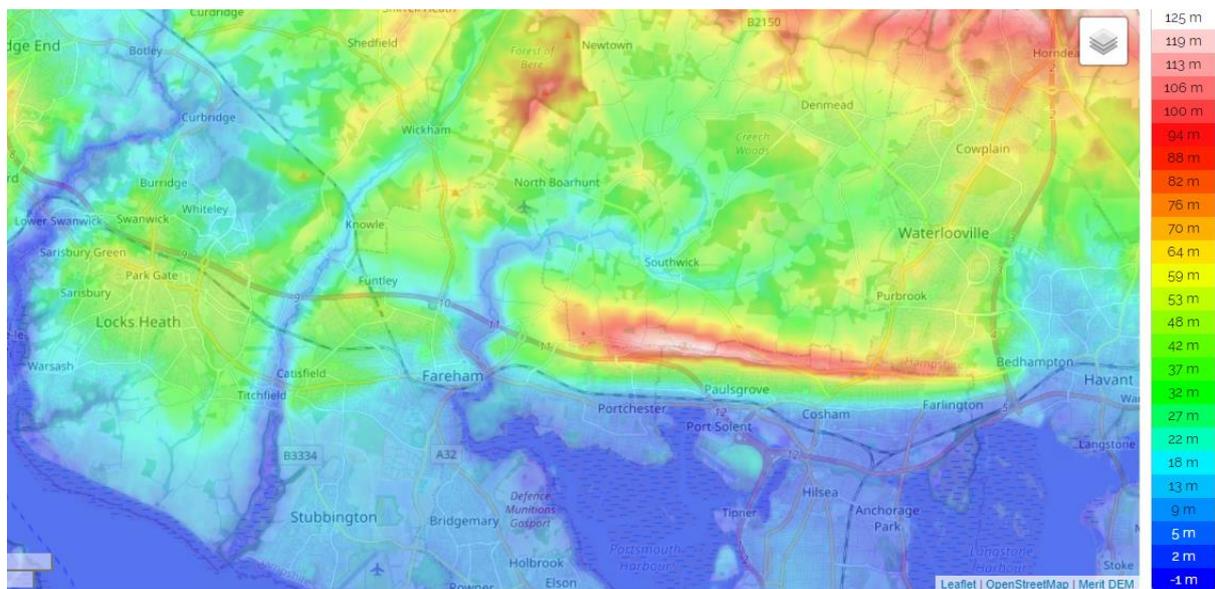
Following comments made by the Licensing & Regulatory Affairs Committee made at its meeting of Tuesday 20 July, the following amendments to Appendix B are recommended to Council for approval:

## Paragraph 7

Fareham Borough Council strongly believes that the town centre of Fareham and its surrounding villages and towns has little or no community cohesion with the town of Waterlooville which lies some 10 miles away at the northern foot of Portsdown Hill.

Portsdown Hill is a significant natural topographical barrier rising to the north of Wallington and Portchester in the east running along the northern boundary of the city of Portsmouth and falling to the west into Bedhampton and Havant. At its highest point, Portsdown Hill stands 131 metres above sea level and creates a challenge to the keenest cyclist or walker if wanting to travel without the use of transport between the Borough of Fareham (the majority of which is just above sea level) and the town of Waterlooville which sits in the valley floor between Portsdown Hill and Butser Hill.

The topographical map below illustrates how the Borough of Fareham is framed by the River Meon and the River Wallington whilst the chalk ridge of Portsdown Hill creates that natural barrier:



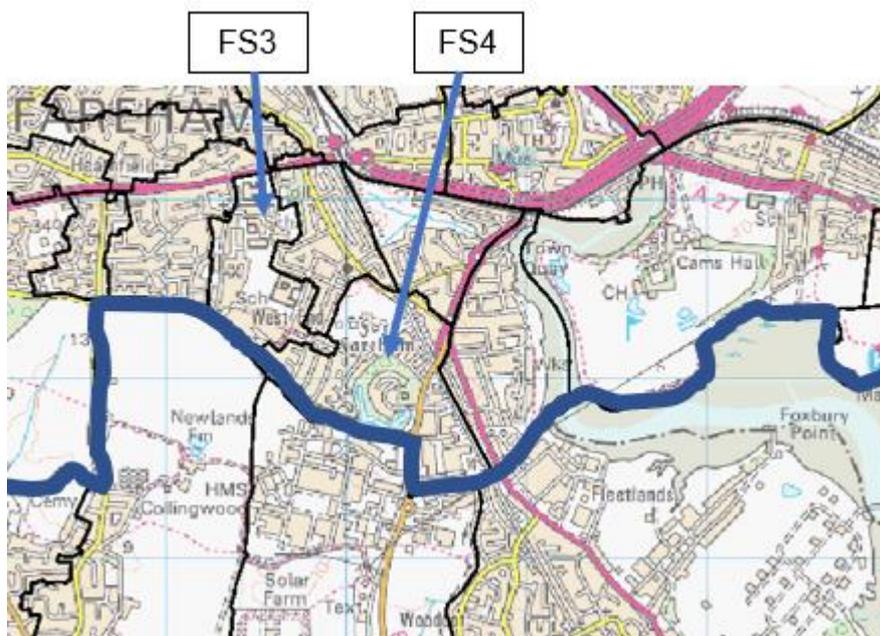
Paragraph 11

Fareham Borough Council is currently in the early stages of a Local Government Boundary Commission for England guided Electoral Review which is scheduled to be presented to Parliament in March 2023 and will be implemented via all out local elections in May 2024. It is therefore undeniable that the ward boundaries within the Local Authority area will change resulting in conflicts in data sets between the parliamentary constituency calculations and the Local Authority electoral register.

Fareham Borough Council notes that whilst the Parliamentary review data is based on the electorate as at March 2020, the Local Government Boundary Commission expects the Council to incorporate a 5 year forecast of the electorate by polling district meaning that we will be looking at the expected electorate as at 2027. Incorporating the Council's local housing need figure of 541 additional houses per annum – a target set by the government, this 7 year period will therefore see a minimum build of 3,787 houses. If we were to assume that 25% of these houses will be single adult occupancy (based on mean ONS data for 2020) it will result in an additional 6,626 applications to join the electoral register. This equates to an additional ward. Although the Council recognises that this figure is based on estimates, these potential electors will not be accounted for by the Parliamentary Boundary Review.

Paragraph 15

Update the map to show correct labelling as follows:



Paragraph 18

- Swap the order of constituency electorate figures to show as Fareham, then Gosport and finally Hedge End & Waterlooville.
- Split out the Stubbington ward figures from the FS3 and FS4 polling district figures:

**Fareham 76,348**

Fareham East	5,930
Fareham North	5,621
Fareham North-West	5,548
Fareham South (minus FS3 and FS4)	3,038
Fareham West	5,403
Locks Heath	5,648
Park Gate	7,137
Portchester East	8,883
Portchester West	5,608
Sarisbury	6,018
Titchfield	5,926
Titchfield Common	6,052
Warsash	5,536

**Gosport 76,230**

Alverstoke	3,532
Anglesey	2,998
Bridgemary North	3,453
Bridgemary South	3,556
Brockhurst	3,728
Christchurch	3,910
Elson	3,488
Forton	3,341
Grange	4,022
Hardway	4,211
Hill Head	5,980
Lee East	4,643
Lee West	4,123
Leesland	3,469
Peel Common	3,327
Privett	3,301
Rowner & Holbrook	3,256
Stubbington	5,552
Fareham South 3	1,528
Fareham South 4	939
Town	3,873

**Hedge End & Waterlooville 75,123**

Botley	4,782
Bursledon & Hound North	6,908
Hamble & Netley	7,970
Hedge End North	7,501
Hedge End South	8,790
Whiteley & Shedfield	4,634
Cowplain	7,434
Hart Plain	7,657
Waterloo	8,163
Denmead	6,494
Southwick & Wickham	4,790

