

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING SUMMONS

Members of Fareham Borough Council are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, on **THURSDAY, 29 JULY 2021**, commencing at **6.00 pm**.

The Mayor: Councillor Pamela Bryant

The Deputy Mayor: Councillor Michael Ford, JP

Councillor Ian Bastable	Councillor Tiffany Harper
Councillor Susan Bayford	Councillor Pal Hayre
Councillor Fred Birkett	Councillor Connie Hockley
Councillor Joanne Bull	Councillor Leslie Keeble
Councillor Trevor Cartwright, MBE	Councillor Jean Kelly
Councillor Louise Clubley	Councillor Gerry Kelly
Councillor Malcolm Daniells	Councillor Kay Mandry
Councillor Peter Davies	Councillor Simon Martin
Councillor Tom Davies	Councillor Sarah Pankhurst
Councillor Steve Dugan	Councillor Roger Price, JP
Councillor Tina Ellis	Councillor Katrina Trott
Councillor Jack Englefield	Councillor Nick Walker
Councillor Geoff Fazackarley	Councillor Mrs Susan Walker
Councillor Jim Forrest	Councillor Seán Woodward
Councillor Nick Gregory	



1. Prayers

The meeting will commence with a short service of prayers.

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Minutes (Pages 5 - 12)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 June 2021.

4. Mayor's Announcements

5. Mayor's Cadet Presentation

6. Executive Leader's Announcements

7. Executive Members' Announcements

8. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest from members in accordance with Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct.

9. Presentation of Petitions

To receive any petitions presented by a member of the Council.

Note: any petition so presented will be dealt with in accordance with the Council's petition scheme.

10. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been given.

11. Reports of the Executive

To receive, consider and answer questions on reports and recommendations of the Executive. Minutes of the meetings of the Executive are appended.

(1) Minutes of meeting Monday, 5 July 2021 of Executive (Pages 13 - 18)

(2) Schedule of Executive Member and Officer Delegated Decisions (Pages 19 - 20)

(3) Schedule of Urgency Provisions (Pages 21 - 24)

12. Reports of Other Committees

To receive the minutes of the following Committees and to consider and answer questions on any reports and recommendations made.

- (1) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 26 May 2021 of Planning Committee (Pages 25 - 30)
- (2) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 16 June 2021 of Planning Committee (Pages 31 - 38)
- (3) Minutes of meeting Monday, 12 July 2021 of Audit and Governance Committee (Pages 39 - 42)
- (4) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 20 July 2021 of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee (Pages 43 - 46)

13. Reports of the Scrutiny Panels

To receive, consider and answer questions on reports and recommendations of the meetings of the Scrutiny Panels.

- (1) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 27 May 2021 of Climate Change Scrutiny Panel (Pages 47 - 50)
- (2) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 1 June 2021 of Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel (Pages 51 - 54)
- (3) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 8 July 2021 of Housing Scrutiny Panel (Pages 55 - 58)
- (4) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 13 July 2021 of Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel (Pages 59 - 64)
- (5) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 15 July 2021 of Streetscene Scrutiny Panel (Pages 65 - 68)

14. Questions under Standing Order 2.12

To answer questions pursuant to Standing Order 2.12 for this meeting.

15. Motions under Standing Order 2.6

Members will be informed, prior to the meeting, of any motion duly notified in accordance with Standing Order 2.6 but received after print and dispatch of the agenda.

16. Boundary Commission for England Review of Parliamentary Constituencies-2023 Review (Pages 69 - 84)

A report by the Head of Democratic Services.

17. Changes to Committee meeting dates

Members are asked to note that 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.

Members are also asked to note that the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

Committee meeting scheduled to take place on 08 June 2021 was cancelled.

18. Appointments to Committees

To make any changes in appointments to the seats on committees in accordance with the wishes of political groups. Such appointments will take effect from 30 July 2021.



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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council

Date: Thursday, 10 June 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, Mr M R Daniells, P J Davies, T Davies, S Dugan, Mrs T L Ellis, J M Englefield, G Fazackarley, J S Forrest, N R Gregory, 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, Mrs S M Walker, N J Walker and S D T Woodward



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor L Keeble.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 May 2021.

3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor was pleased to inform members that her diary is getting busier by the day and that she was delighted that, along with the Mayoress, she has had the opportunity to meet with local people again in person.

Amongst recent engagements, the Mayor and Mayoress were pleased to attend the launch of the Friday Night Charity New Generation Partnership with the 10th Fareham Scouts and to hear of their successful fundraising bid from the National Lottery. The Mayor stated that it is a truly fantastic scheme and put forward her thanks to all the volunteers who help on a regular basis.

The Mayor went on to state that it has not been possible to raise any funds for her chosen charities during the pandemic and whilst the charity committee is still unable to organise fund raising events, she was very pleased to announce that Antonio, who has been very supportive prior to lockdown, is once again offering 3 charity nights in his restaurant, serving a three course meal. The first event will be on Wednesday 21st July at 7pm for 7.30pm. Sadly due to social distancing being observed, numbers will be limited but the Mayor was hopeful that Members would be able to support one of the events.

4. EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Executive Leader announced that new Government funding has been announced to support the delivery of Welborne Garden Village, stating that the Government supports the Council's ambitious plans to deliver Welborne as a Garden Village and is now making more funding available to cover the technical costs of the Junction 10 scheme, as well as a significant increase in their contribution to the capital cost of the Scheme itself.

Further amendments to the previous proposals submitted by Buckland Development Ltd last year that potentially increase the developer's contribution to Junction 10 to as much as £50M have just been received by the Council. They will be the subject of a further three-week consultation before going forward for consideration by the Planning Committee, hopefully before the end of July, although the meeting date will not be confirmed until we are confident that all the appropriate statutory and technical requirements have been met.

The Executive Leader went on to announce that, more generally, the Government has recognised for some time that significant costs are carried around the delivery of a Garden Village at Welborne which go beyond the typical remit of local authorities. They have therefore just announced a further £130,000 capacity funding in addition to the £1.1m already received so that the Council continues to have the resources to help deliver its sustainable new community.

The Executive Leader stated that it has taken months of negotiations to get to this position, with Fareham Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, Buckland Development Limited and Central Government all working tirelessly to find a way forward on the funding for and delivery of the Junction 10 Scheme so that the much needed housing can be delivered. The Council is now really close to finalising an agreement that will unlock the millions of pounds of infrastructure funding for the M27 Junction 10 improvements that are critical to the success of Welborne Garden Village. Everyone involved has worked very hard to get to this position and the Executive Leader was delighted that there now appears to be a way forward on Junction 10 so that Welborne Garden Village can finally become a reality.

5. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Health and Public Protection

QA Hospital

The Executive Member announced that Members will recall that he has been trying to keep them updated in the progress of the development of the new Emergency Department. He was therefore pleased to confirm that the hospital has submitted an Outline Planning Application which marks the next step in developing the new facility to replace the current 40year-old emergency department.

The new facility will provide the opportunity to implement best practice for patients needing urgent and emergency care, enhance patient safety and will mean that staff will be able to work in a more stream-lined way. This will enable faster decision-making and more prompt care, meaning people visiting the department will receive the treatment required in a timely way.

The new department will be compliant with the latest standards and be significantly more energy efficient and will also include easy-to-understand signage, way finding for patients and visitors. The Outline Planning Application should be going to the Planning Committee in Portsmouth in September.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight COVID-19 Vaccination programme

The Executive Member announced that he has been informed by the NHS that the successful roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccination programme continues, where 1.87 million vaccines have been delivered across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to date. 95% of people aged 40 and over have received their first

dose of the vaccine and they remain on track to meet the national target of offering all adults a first dose by the end of July.

People aged 25 and over are now being invited to make an appointment to receive a vaccine via the national booking service. Also, it is their intention to bring forward the second doses for priority groups which have been brought forward from 12 to 8 weeks. This means that people at greater risk of getting seriously ill due to COVID-19 can get maximum protection sooner.

Leisure and Community

The Executive Member stated that many Members would be aware of the Access All Areas programme, a scheme of activities for young people living or attending school in the Borough.

In recent years, the attendance at these events has dwindled. The initial decision not to charge has meant that young people feel that they don't have to commit and as a result, registrations remain high but attendance is low. As we emerge from the restrictions imposed by Covid-19, it is important not to encourage large gatherings where transmission of the virus could be facilitated. For both these reasons a revised version of Access All Areas is being organised by the Council's Leisure and Community Team. Instead of large outdoor events, a schedule of smaller activities is being planned during the month of August, offering a range of experiences and opportunities for young people aged 11 to 16. The charge for this year will be £10 and this will enable young people to participate in one activity per week over the 4-week scheme. Whilst it is anticipated that for the vast majority of families, £10 is relatively affordable, Agencies and partnership organisations of the Council will be able to offer free registrations for individuals for whom this fee may make the scheme cost prohibitive.

Activities on offer this year will include sailing, rugby training, trampolining, football training, canoeing, driver training (for those aged 14+), inflatable pool party sessions, pamper and wellbeing sessions, yoga, motorbiking and climbing.

The Executive Member thanked the following organisations and groups for helping to deliver this year's programme:

- Fareham Heathens Rugby Club
- AFC Portchester
- Y-Services
- Solent Stars Motorcycling Team
- Everyone Active
- Red Spider
- Phoenix Driving School
- Seafarers Sailing Club
- 3rd Portchester Scouts

Finally, the Executive Member thanked members of the Leisure Team for putting the programme together. Registration for Access All Areas will open in 2 weeks time and further details will be available on the Council's website.

Planning and Development

The Executive Member announced that he wanted to make members aware of a relevant appeal decision relating to two planning applications in the Fareham/Stubbington Strategic gap on land between Peel Common and the Newgate Lane east bypass.

The Executive Member stated that these two sites have not been included in the Revised Publication Local Plan, and that, in fact, they have not been proposed in any of the earlier Local Plan consultations, for the reason of poor fit within the Development Strategy put forward. The Council's site assessment at Fareham has concluded that development in this area would not be in keeping with the settlement pattern or character of Peel Common and would lead to unacceptable impacts on the Strategic Gap. This view has been supported by the Planning Inspector who earlier this week dismissed the planning appeals.

The Executive Member announced that he would like to give particular praise to the Planning Officers who have taken a consistent line on these 2 sites and their decision was supported by the Planning Committee who followed the advice taken. The Executive Member stated that the decision justifies the action that the Council has taken with regard to this matter and that he was delighted with the result which supports the Local Plan that has been put forward and which would be debated later in the meeting.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in respect of item 14 of the agenda - Revised Publication Local Plan Consultation as his son lives in part of the developments in Warsash.

7. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

There were no petitions presented at this meeting.

8. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations given at this meeting.

9. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE

(1) Minutes of meeting Monday, 17 May 2021 of Executive

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on Monday 17 May 2021 be received.

(2) Minutes of meeting Monday, 07 June 2021 of Executive

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on Monday, 07 June 2021 were tabled for consideration.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on Monday, 07 June 2021 be received.

- (3) Schedule of Individual Executive Member and Officer Delegated Decisions

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

10. REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES

- (1) Minutes of meeting Friday, 9 April 2021 of Planning Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Friday 09 April 2021 be received.

- (2) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 21 April 2021 of Planning Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 21 April 2021 be received.

11. REPORTS OF THE SCRUTINY PANELS

- (1) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 25 May 2021 of Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel held on Tuesday 25 May 2021 be received.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel held on Thursday, 27 May 2021 be received.

12. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 2.12

There were no questions submitted at this meeting.

13. MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 2.6

There were no motions submitted at this meeting.

14. REVISED PUBLICATION LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

It was proposed by Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE that the provisions of Standing Order 2.15.1 be suspended to allow the Executive Leader and the Executive Member for Planning and Development to present the report and to speak for longer than five minutes; and further that Standing Order 2.16.1 be suspended to allow all Members to speak more than once on the debate.

Having been duly proposed and seconded and carried unanimously, it was RESOLVED that the provisions of Standing Order 2.15.1 be suspended to allow the Executive Leader and the Executive Member for Planning and Development to present the report and to speak for longer than five minutes; and further that Standing Order 2.16.1 be suspended to allow all Members to speak more than once on the debate.

Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in respect of this item as his son lives in part of the developments in Warsash.

Councillor G Fazackarley left the meeting during the debate of this item.

The recommendations of the Executive were taken into account in considering this item.

It was proposed by Councillor S D T Woodward and seconded by Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE that the recommendations (a) to (d) of the report be approved.

Having been duly proposed and seconded, and upon being put to the vote, the recommendations (a) to (d) of the Revised Publication Local Plan Consultation report were CARRIED with Councillors I Bastable, Mrs S M Bayford, F Birkett, Miss J Bull, T M Cartwright, Mrs L E Clubley, M R Daniells, P J Davies, T Davies, S Dugan, Mrs T Ellis, J Englefield, M J Ford, N Gregory, Miss T Harper, Mrs P Hayre, Mrs C L A Hockley, Mrs K Mandry, S D Martin, Ms S Pankhurst, N J Walker, Mrs S Walker and S D T Woodward voting in favour and Councillors J Forrest, G Kelly, Mrs J Kelly, R H Price and Mrs K K Trott voting against.

RESOLVED that the Council approves 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 material consideration to be afforded due weight in the determination of planning applications.

15. ADOPTION OF THE REVISED CHARGING SCHEDULE FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

RESOLVED that the Council approves the Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule as set out in Annex 1 for implementation from 14 June 2021.

16. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

There were no changes to the appointments to Committees made at this meeting.

(The meeting started at 4.30 pm
and ended at 7.18 pm).

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Executive

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Monday, 5 July 2021

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

Present:

S D T Woodward, Policy and Resources (Executive Leader)
T M Cartwright, MBE, Health and Public Protection (Deputy
Executive Leader)
I Bastable, Streetscene
F Birkett, Housing
Mrs S M Walker, Leisure and Community

Also in attendance:

R H Price, JP, for item 8(2)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S D Martin.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on Monday 07 June 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Executive Leader announced that at the start of the Covid-19 Pandemic, part of the Council's Response and Recovery Plan was to prepare an emergency budget - which was done in Summer 2020. Expenditure controls were also put in place to help manage what was expected to be a very significant impact on the Council's finances. The Executive Leader went on to explain that a report on this evening's agenda would show that this was indeed the case and that net costs were over £2.5m higher than was planned in the budget that was set in February this year.

The Executive Leader stated that the focus through the last year has been to keep vital services running, as far as possible, in a Covid secure way and in order to do this the emergency budget planned to draw over £1m from the Council's reserves. However, the government actually stepped up and said they would support Councils financially and the Executive Leader was pleased to confirm that this was indeed the case last year and that there was a wide range of funding streams which totalled nearly £5m. This has meant that, fortunately, the Council does not need to tap into reserves this year after all.

The Executive Leader stressed that it is important that we do not become complacent and think that we don't have a financial challenge ahead of us. Well before the Pandemic occurred, the Council's Medium-Term Finance Strategy was very clear that an under-lying funding gap existed, and this is what the Council has been addressing through the Opportunities Plan work. The reviews of coastal parking charges, CCTV arrangements and garden waste all seek to address the underlying financial gap which was there and predicted before the pandemic struck. It also gives capacity to address the future priorities for the Borough and although the need to do this was not born out of the pandemic, it will undoubtedly put further pressure on the need to create solutions to ensure that the Council remains in a strong fiscal position. As an example, the Executive Leader stated that a year ago the town centre parking income exceeded £2m per annum. In the last year, little more than one third of this amount was collected and, given the permanent impact that the pandemic has had on the high street it is highly unlikely that we will see a return to pre-pandemic levels.

The Executive Leader stated that other services have also suffered, such as housing support, trade waste, property rents, collection rates for non-domestic rates and council tax. At the same time, we know there will be increasing costs in areas such as waste collection when the Government's new waste strategy is implemented along with local priorities such as net zero for the

Council's carbon footprint. There will be a full review, as always, when the Council considers the Medium-Term Finance Strategy in the autumn.

The Executive Leader concluded by stating that he felt that it was important to clarify for members, and indeed the public, that a one off positive financial support from the government does not mean that the longer term financial pressures have gone away, and that he was sure they have not.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. PETITIONS

There were no petitions submitted at this meeting.

6. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

7. REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Panel – 28 June 2021

Item 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.

Item 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. POLICY AND RESOURCES

- (1) Variation to Construction of new units at Faraday Business Park, Daedalus

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) agrees to the two-stage process for providing office accommodation in Units 15 and 16 (set out in paragraphs 17 - 23 of the Executive Briefing Paper) and the required increase in the capital budget of up to £550,000;
 - (b) approves a variation to the current construction contract, at an estimated cost of £165,000, to allow for the stage one office works to be undertaken;
 - (c) grants delegated authority to the Director of Planning and Regeneration following consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Member for Policy & Resources to award a contract(s) for the stage two office works, at an estimated cost of up to £385,000; and
 - (d) additionally, note that an additional capital budget of £50,000 is required to cover minor variations to the scheme following the award of the construction contract.
- (2) Complaints Policy and Unreasonable Complaint Behaviour Policy Updates

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor R H Price, JP, addressed the Executive on this item.

During the discussion on this item it was noted at paragraph 20 of the report that, in addition to the Housing Ombudsman providing a free service, the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) also provides a free service.

It was agreed during the discussion of this item that:

- (i) at paragraph 10 of the Complaints Policy, as detailed at Appendix A to the report, the contact details for the Housing Ombudsman be added alongside the contact details for the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman;
- (ii) bullet point 6 of paragraph 15 of the Unreasonable Complaints Policy, as detailed at Appendix B to the report, be amended to allow more than one witness to be present when personal contact takes place in dealing with unreasonable complaint behaviour;
- (iii) paragraph 3 of the Unreasonable Complaints Policy, as detailed at Appendix B to the report, be amended to reflect that in the event of a

complaint being escalated to Stage 2, the Director of the department will review the complaint process, not the complaint; and

- (iv) a further report be brought for consideration regarding safeguarding of Members when they are the subject of persistent, vexatious or abusive people.

RESOLVED that, subject to (i) to (iv), as outlined above, the Executive adopts:

- (a) the updated Complaints Policy as set out in Appendix A to the report; and
- (b) the updated Unreasonable Complaint Behaviour Policy, as set out in Appendix B to the report.

(3) General Fund & Housing Revenue Account Outturn 2020/21

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

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the carry forward of £51,900 to fund the completion of the committed General Fund expenditure programmes in 2021/22, as contained in this report;
- (b) approves the carry forward of £470,000 for the HRA Capital Programme to re-align budget and expenditure phasing and to support the forthcoming programme for 2021/22; and
- (c) notes the contents of the report.

(4) Capital & Treasury Management Outturn 2020/21

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

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the General Fund capital programme for 2020/21 to be financed as set out in this report;
- (b) agrees that the additional expenditure incurred, amounting to £90,086 be financed retrospectively from unallocated capital resources; and
- (c) notes the treasury management activity for 2020/21.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 6.29 pm).

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER & OFFICER DELEGATED DECISIONS

The following decisions have been made by individual Executive Members since those reported at the meeting of Council on 10 June 2021

Leisure & Community 21 July 2021	Decision 2021/22 – 2290
Community Fund Application – Locks Heath Colts Cricket Club	
<p>RESOLVED that the application for £2,244.99 from Fareham Borough Council’s Community Fund submitted by Locks Heath Colts Cricket Club, to purchase an additional mobile practice cricket tunnel with net to be located at Locks Heath Recreation Ground, be approved.</p>	

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SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER & OFFICER DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROVISIONS

The Executive Leader is required to submit a quarterly report to Council on the decisions taken within the previous three months under the provisions for cases of special urgency described in Part 3, Chapter 3 of the Council's constitution. The report must set out the number of such decisions taken and a summary of the matters in respect of which the decisions were taken.

Since the meeting of the Council held on 22 April 2021, the following decisions have been taken under the Council's urgency provisions.

Executive/Executive Leader	06 June 2021 Decision 2021/22 - 2273
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.	
<p>RESOLVED that having considered the representations made, the Executive agrees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 <p>That the Executive Leader of the Council:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (c) amends the Scheme of Delegation to Individuals Executive members to grant the Executive member for health and Public Protection the delegate authority to determine future Traffic regulation Orders. 	

Executive	06 June 2021 Decision 2021/22 - 2282
Town Centre Property Acquisition	
<p>RESOLVED that the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. 	
Executive	05 July 2021 Decision 2021/22 - 2289
Construction of new units at Faraday Business Park	
<p>RESOLVED that the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) agrees to the two-stage process for providing office accommodation in Units 15 and 16 (set out in paragraphs 17 - 23 of the Executive Briefing Paper) and the required increase in the capital budget of up to £550,000; (b) approves a variation to the current construction contract, at an estimated cost of £165,000, to allow for the stage one office works to be undertaken; (c) grants delegated authority to the Director of Planning and Regeneration following consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Member for Policy & Resources to award a contract(s) for the stage two office works, at an estimated cost of up to £385,000; and (d) additionally, note that an additional capital budget of £50,000 is required to cover minor variations to the scheme following the award of the construction contract. 	

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 26 May 2021

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor N J Walker (Chairman)

Councillor I Bastable (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: F Birkett, Miss J Bull, T M Cartwright, MBE, P J Davies,
M J Ford, JP, Mrs C L A Hockley and R H Price, JP

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies of absence.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 9 April 2021 and 21 April 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

“I would like to provide an update for Members on the recent judicial reviews at Warsash, the planning appeals at Newgate Lane and the part land at Warnford Park may play in nitrate mitigation.

Members will be aware that two judicial review claims have been brought against planning permission granted in Warsash: one relates to a planning permission granted for eight houses at Egmont Nurseries, Brook Avenue, and one to a planning permission granted for six houses adjacent to 79 Greenaway Lane. Hearings for both claims were held between 11th-13th May. The judgements for both cases are expected to be issued imminently.

In February this year a Public Inquiry was held in respect of land at Newgate Lane. The Inquiry related to two planning applications on adjoining sites which proposed 190 dwellings between them. The Planning Inspectorate have advised that the decisions in respect of these two cases ‘are likely to be issued early summer’.

Lastly, Members will be aware that nitrate mitigation is being achieved by taking land out of agricultural use and putting the land to alternative uses including re-wilding and tree planting. A landowner has identified agricultural land in their ownership at Warnford (Warnford Park) which can be used for nitrate mitigation. This Council has recently entered into a legal agreement with this land owner and South Downs National Park Authority to enable developments within Fareham to use this land as nitrate mitigation. Members will see reference to ‘Warnford Park’ in conjunction with nitrate mitigation proposals in future Planning Reports.”

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

The Committee received a deputation from the following in respect of the applications indicated and were thanked accordingly.

Name	Spokesperson representing	Subject	Supporting or Opposing	Item No/ Application No/Page No	Dep Type
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	ng the persons listed		the Application		
ZONE 1 – 2.30pm					
Ms C Mays		LAND TO THE REAR OF 195-205 SEGENSWORTH ROAD – OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR UP TO EIGHT DWELLINGS, WITH ACCESS AND PARKING FOLLOWING THE DEMOLITION OF 195 SEGENSWORTH ROAD	Opposing	6 (1) P/18/0625/OA Pg 14	In person
Mr & Mrs Ashworth		-Ditto-	-Ditto-	-Ditto-	Written
Mr N McKeon (Agent)		-Ditto-	Supporting	-Ditto-	In person
ZONE 2 – 2.30pm					
Mr A Prescott	Mr A Matthews, Ms R Keene, Mr & Mrs Kuzminski, Mr & Mrs Crosby	LAND TO REAR OF 82 THE AVENUE FAREHAM PO14 1PB – ERECTION OF 3-BED BUNGALOW WITH ACCESS FROM CHALFORD GRANGE	Opposing	6 (2) P/19/0946/OA Pg 38	In Person
Mr I Murray (Agent)		-Ditto-	Supporting	-Ditto-	In Person
ZONE 3 – 2.30pm					
Ms T Potter		22-27A STUBBINGTON GREEN (FIRST FLOOR) PO14 2JY – CHANGE OF USE OF FIRST FLOOR FROM SPORTS CLUB (USE CLASS D2) TO NINE FLATS	Opposing	6(3) P/18/1410/FP Pg 53	Written
Mr M Holman (Agent)		1-33 WEST STREET PORTCHESTER PO16 9XB – DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING AN ADDITIONAL 1 AND 2 STOREYS ON THE EXISTING BUILDINGS TO PROVIDE 26	Supporting	6 (4) P/19/1040/OA Pg68	In Person

		APARTMENTS (10 ONE-BED AND 16 TWO-BED) (CLASS C3) WITH ASSOCIATED CYCLE AND REFUSE STORAGE FACILITIES PLUS FOUR ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES			
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6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS INCLUDING AN UPDATE ON PLANNING APPEALS

The Committee noted a report by the Director of Planning and Regeneration on the development control matters, including information regarding new appeals and decisions.

(1) P/18/0625/OA - 195-205 SEGENSWORTH ROAD TITCHFIELD PO15 5EL

The Committee received the deputations referred to in Minute 5 above.

Upon being proposed and seconded the officer recommendation to grant outline planning permission, subject to:-

- i) The prior completion of a Section 111 Agreement and the payment of the appropriate Habitat Mitigation Contribution; and
 - ii) The conditions in the report
- Was voted on and CARRIED.
(Voting: 8 in favour; 1 against)

RESOLVED that, subject to: -

- i) The prior completion of a Section 111 Agreement and the payment of the appropriate Habitat Mitigation Contribution; and
 - ii) The conditions in the report.
- Outline planning permission be GRANTED.

(2) P/19/0946/FP - 82 THE AVENUE FAREHAM PO14 1PB

The Committee received the deputations referred to in Minute 5 above.

The Committee’s attention was drawn to the Update Report which contained the following information: -

Amend Planning Condition 2 (approved plans) as follows;

- a) *Proposed Site & Location Plan – drwg No A101 V3.2*

Upon being proposed and seconded the officer recommendation to grant planning permission, subject to: -

- i) The prior completion of a legal agreement pursuant to Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 on terms to the

satisfaction of the Solicitor to the Council to secure a contribution of up to £6,000 to fund the provision of a Traffic Regulation Order on Chalford Grange;

ii) The conditions in the report; and

iii) The amended Condition 2 as set out in the Update Report.

Was voted on and CARRIED.

(Voting: 8 in favour; 1 against)

RESOLVED that subject to: -

i) The prior completion of a legal agreement pursuant to Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 on terms to the satisfaction of the Solicitor to the Council to secure a contribution of up to £6,000 to fund the provision of a Traffic Regulation Order on Chalford Grange;

ii) The conditions in the report; and

iii) The amended Condition 2 as set out in the Update Report.

PLANNING PERMISSION be granted.

**(3) P/18/1410/FP - 22-227A STUBBINGTON GREEN (FIRST FLOOR)
PO14 2JY**

The Committee received the deputation referred to a Minute 5 above.

At the invitation of the Chairman, the Committee Officer read out a statement on behalf of Councillor J Forrest.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the Update Report which contained the following information: -

Additional Condition;

No development hereby permitted shall proceed until details of all proposed external materials to be used in the conversion (including replacement windows and doors and external balconies) have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority in writing. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

REASON: To secure the satisfactory appearance of the development.

Upon being proposed and seconded the officer recommendation to grant planning permission, subject to the conditions in the report and the additional condition in the update report, was voted on and CARRIED.

(Voting 9 in favour; 0 against)

RESOLVED that subject to, the conditions in the report and additional condition in the update report, PLANNING PERMISSION be granted.

(4) P/19/1040/OA - 1-33 WEST STREET PORTCHESTER PO16 9XB

The Committee received the deputation referred to in Minute 5 above.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the Update Report which contained the following information: -

For clarification, the proposed cycle store will result in the loss of two car parking spaces from the existing car park. Whilst this reduces the number of spaces within the northern car park, the Officers recommendation remains unchanged due to the Government approach of supporting developments in highly sustainable locations, whilst also providing a good quality secure cycle for the future occupiers, encouraging more sustainable modes of transport.

Upon being proposed and seconded the officer recommendation to grant planning permission, subject to: -

- a) The prior completion of a Section 111 agreement to secure the payment of the Recreational Disturbance contribution; and
- b) The conditions in the report.

Was voted on and CARRIED.

(Voting 8 in favour; 1 against)

RESOLVED that, subject to: -

- a) The prior completion of a Section 111 agreement to secure the payment of the Recreational Disturbance contribution; and
- b) The conditions in the report.

PLANNING PERMISSION be granted.

(5) Planning Appeals

The Committee noted the information in the report.

(6) UPDATE REPORT

The Update Report was circulated at the meeting and was considered along with the relevant agenda item.

(The meeting started at 2.30 pm
and ended at 4.57 pm).

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 16 June 2021

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor I Bastable (Chairman)

Councillor (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: F Birkett, Miss J Bull, T M Cartwright, MBE, P J Davies,
M J Ford, JP, Mrs C L A Hockley, R H Price, JP and S Dugan
(deputising for N J Walker)

Also Present: Councillor S D Martin (Items 5 (1) and 5 (2))



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology of absence was received from Councillor N Walker.

2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcement: -

Two planning permissions granted by the Council for six dwellings at Greenaway Lane and eight dwellings at Brook Avenue were recently challenged through the Courts. The main grounds of challenge in both cases related to how the Council had sought to ensure that the developments would not have an adverse effect on the marine environment of The Solent.

Having considered extensive evidence from those bringing the legal challenges, the Council and Natural England, the High Court concluded that the approach taken by the Council to mitigating the effects of nitrates on The Solent was legally sound.

Whilst the High Court upheld the planning permission at Brook Avenue and dismissed the claim in its entirety, the Judge quashed the planning permission at Greenaway Lane on procedural issues.

Full copies of both judgments have been circulated to all Members of the Planning Committee.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received at this meeting.

4. DEPUTATIONS

The Committee received deputations from the following in respect of the applications indicated and were thanked accordingly.

Name	Spokesperson representing the persons listed	Subject	Supporting or Opposing the Application	Item No/ Application No/Page No	Dep Type
ZONE 1 – 2.30pm					
Mr N McKeon (Agent)		69 BOTLEY ROAD PARK GATE – 12 DWELLINGS WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS AND PARKING, FOLLOWING DEMOLITION OF THE	Supporting	5 (1) P/19/0643/FP Pg 3	In Person

		EXISTING DWELLING			
Ms G House		LAND AT ADDISON ROAD SARISBURY GREEN – ERECTION OF FOUR DETACHED DWELLINGS AND TWO SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS, PARTIAL DEMOLITION OF NO. 2 LONGVIEW AND TWO STOREY EXTENSION	Opposing	5 (2) P/20/0204/FP Pg 28	Written
Mr D Hope	Dalwood Cottage Addison Road	-Ditto-	-Ditto-	-Ditto-	In Person
Mr A Dingley		-Ditto-	-Ditto-	-Ditto-	Written
Mr C Moore		-Ditto-	-Ditto-	-Ditto-	Written
Mr G Giles (Agent)		-Ditto-	Supporting	-Ditto-	In Person
Ms G Walker		53 TITCHFIELD PARK ROAD TITCHFIELD – DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AND CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR DETACHED DWELLINGS WITH ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING, CYCLE AND BIN STORAGE	Opposing	5 (3) P/20/0928/FP Pg 57	Written
Mr R Tutton	55 Titchfield Park Road	-Ditto-	-Ditto-	-Ditto-	In Person
Mr G Giles (Agent)		-Ditto-	Supporting	-Ditto-	In Person
ZONE 2 – 2.30pm					
ZONE 3 – 2.30pm					
Mrs S Sadler		2 GREAT GAYS, FAREHAM, PO14 3JU	Supporting	5(4) P/21/0470/FP Pg 80	Written

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS INCLUDING AN UPDATE ON PLANNING APPEALS

The Committee noted a report by the Director of Planning and Regeneration on the development control matters, including information regarding new appeals and decisions.

(1) P/19/0643/FP - 69 BOTLEY ROAD PARK GATE SO31 1AZ

The Committee received a deputation referred to in Minute item 4 above.

At the invitation of the Chairman Councillor S Martin addressed the Committee on this item.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the Update Report which contained the following information: -

Comments received from Environmental Health (Noise and Pollution) stating no further comments from those raised regarding noise attenuation from the earlier application P/18/0768/FP. Appropriate conditions applied to application.

Upton being proposed and seconded the officer recommendation to grant planning permission, subject to: -

- i. The applicant/owner first entering into a planning obligation under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 on terms drafted by the Solicitor to the Council to secure:
 - Financial contributions to provide for satisfactory mitigation of the 'in combination' effects that the increase in residential units on the site would cause through increased recreational disturbance on the Solent and Southampton Water Special Protection Area;
 - The payment of an off-site financial contribution towards affordable housing provision of £52,551.00; and
 - Securing vehicular/pedestrian access to the land to the north and south;
- ii. the conditions in the report;
- iii. an additional condition to ensure that the communal landscaping areas and grass verges are designed and laid out in a manner which prevents vehicles from parking on them;
- iv. the receipt of satisfactory amended plans showing the garages on plots 10 and 11 amended from garages to carports; and
- v. an additional condition removing permitted development rights preventing the car ports on plots 10 and 11 from being converted into garages for the lifetime of the development.

Was voted on and CARRIED.

(Voting: 6 in favour; 3 Against)

RESOLVED that, subject to: -

- i. The applicant/owner first entering into a planning obligation under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 on terms drafted by the Solicitor to the Council to secure:
 - Financial contributions to provide for satisfactory mitigation of the 'in combination' effects that the increase in residential units on the site would cause through increased recreational

disturbance on the Solent and Southampton Water Special Protection Area;

- The payment of an off-site financial contribution towards affordable housing provision of £52,551.00; and
- Securing vehicular/pedestrian access to the land to the north and south;

ii. the conditions in the report;

iii. an additional condition to ensure that the communal landscaping areas and grass verges are designed and laid out in a manner which prevents vehicles from parking on them;

iv. the receipt of satisfactory amended plans showing the garages on plots 10 and 11 amended from garages to carports; and

v. an additional condition removing permitted development rights preventing the car ports on plots 10 and 11 from being converted into garages for the lifetime of the development.

PLANNING PERMISSION be granted.

(2) P/20/0204/FP - LAND AT ADDISON ROAD SARISBURY GREEN

The Committee received the deputations referred to in Minute item 4 above.

At the invitation of the Chairman Councillor S Martin addressed the Committee on this item.

Upon being proposed and seconded the officer recommendation to grant planning permission, subject to the conditions in the report, was voted on and CARRIED.

(Voting: 5 in favour; 4 Against)

RESOLVED that subject to the conditions in the report, PLANNING PERMISSION be granted.

(3) P/20/0928/FP - 53 TITCHFIELD PARK ROAD PO15 5RN

The Committee received the deputations referred to in Minute item 4 above.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the Update Report which contained the following information: -

One additional condition relating to the requirement for electric charging points has been included. The condition reads as follows:

16. No development shall take place beyond damp proof course (dpc) level until details of how and where Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points will be provided at the following level:

- *At least one Electric Vehicle (EV) charging point per dwelling with allocated parking provision. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details with the charging points provided prior to first occupation of the dwelling to which it serves.*

REASON: To promote sustainable modes of transport, to reduce impacts on air quality arising from the use of motorcars and in the interests of addressing climate change.

Upton being proposed and seconded the officer recommendation to grant planning permission, subject to: -

- the conditions in the report and
 - the additional condition set out in the Update Report,
- was voted on and CARRIED.
(Voting: 7 in favour; 2 Against)

RESOLVED that, subject to: -

- the conditions in the report; and
 - the additional condition set out in the Update Report,
- PLANNING PERMISSION be granted.

(4) P/21/0470/FP - 2 GREAT GAYS FAREHAMS PO14 3JU

The Committee received a deputation referred to in Minute item 4 above.

At the invitation of the Chairman the Head of Development Management addressed the Committee: -

‘Chairman I am going to excuse myself for this next item as the applicant’s agent is known to me as a member of my family’

The Head of Development Management then left the room and took no part in discussions on this item and was not present during the vote on the application.

Upton being proposed and seconded the officer recommendation to grant planning permission, was voted on and CARRIED.
(Voting: 9 in favour; 0 Against)

RESOLVED that PLANNING PERMISSION be granted.

(5) Planning Appeals

Councillor P J Davies left the meeting during discussions on this item.

The Committee noted the information in the report.

(6) UPDATE REPORT

The Update Report was circulated prior to the meeting and was considered along with the relevant agenda items.

(The meeting started at 2.30 pm
and ended at 5.19 pm).

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Monday, 12 July 2021

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor T Davies (Chairman)

Councillor S D Martin (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs T L Ellis, N R Gregory, J G Kelly and S Dugan (deputising for P J Davies)

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors P Davies and G Fazackarley.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes from the Audit and Governance Committee held on the 15 March 2021 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcement –

As this is the first meeting of the new municipal year and we have a few new Members to the Committee, I thought it would be appropriate to use my announcement this evening to introduce the Committee and explain a little about its purpose.

The Audit and Governance Committee is a key component to the Council's corporate governance, providing an independent, high-level focus on the arrangements that underpin good governance and financial standards.

We as a Committee are not here to probe into operational matters or question service delivery, our role is to seek assurance and provide a strategic overview in order to ensure efficient and effective reporting, control and assurance arrangements are in place.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. EXTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL PLAN AND FEE

The Committee received a report by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer on the Annual Plan and Fee from the External Auditors Ernst and Young. Kevin Suter, Associate Partner from Ernst and Young, addressed the Committee to deliver his Audit Planning report as set out in Appendix A to the report.

Members expressed concern over the delay in meeting the 30 September 2021 statutory deadline for the audited accounts. The Associate Partner explained how the pandemic had impacted on their clients and them, which had ultimately led to them making this difficult decision. The Head of Finance and Audit advised the Committee that, although the revised timing of the audit would cause a problem for officers, they would strive to support the audit as best they could. She also noted that Ernst and Young have done well in the past to meet the revised deadlines set by the government, so anticipated that they would be working together to make the revised timeline achievable.

RESOLVED that the Committee approve the proposed Plan of work for the external audit of the 2020/21 year, attached as Appendix A to the report.

7. COUNTER FRAUD ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee received the Annual Counter Fraud report from the Head of Finance and Audit, which updated Members on the counter fraud work carried out in the last twelve months including the numbers and outcomes of fraud cases.

RESOLVED that the Audit and Governance Committee note the content of the report.

8. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Committee received a report from the Head of Finance and Audit on the 2020/21 Annual Governance Statement for member approval before publishing with the Statement of Accounts.

RESOLVED that the Committee: -

- a) approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21, as attached as Appendix C to the report; and
- b) considered any changes.

9. INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL PLAN

The Committee received a report from the Head of Finance and Audit presenting a draft plan of Internal Audit work proposed for delivery in 2021/22.

RESOLVED that the Committee approve the draft Annual Audit Plan for 2021/22 as attached as Appendix A to the report.

10. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee received the Internal Audit report from the Head of Finance and Audit, providing the assurances arising from the latest internal audit work and giving an update on the progress being made with delivering the audit plans.

Members of the committee praised the Internal Audit Team for their hard work during the Covid-19 pandemic in keeping the progress of the Audit Plan on track.

RESOLVED that the Audit and Governance Committee note the progress and findings arising from Internal Audit work.

11. HEAD OF AUDITS ANNUAL OPINION

The Committee received a report from the Head of Finance and Audit setting out the overall assurance opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's framework of governance, risk management and control in 2020/21.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report are noted by the Committee as a source of evidence for the 2020/21 Annual Governance Statement.

12. REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee received a report from the Head of Finance and Audit which reviewed the current work programme for the Committee.

RESOLVED that the Audit and Governance Committee approve the work programme for the rest of the municipal year, as shown in Appendix A to the report.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.02 pm).

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 20 July 2021

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor M J Ford, JP (Chairman)

Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: I Bastable, Mrs S M Bayford, Mrs P M Bryant, G Fazackarley, Mrs P Hayre, Mrs J Kelly, Ms S Pankhurst, R H Price, JP and Mrs S M Walker

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Englefield, T Davies and Mrs K K Trott.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee meeting held on 30 March 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Committee received a presentation by the Head of Environmental Health and the Head of Democratic Services which outlined the role, responsibilities and functions of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

During the discussion of this item it was agreed that further information in respect of the licensing of dog related services be made available to the Committee. It was also agreed that further information relating to the Segensworth Business Improvement District be made available.

The Head of Environmental Health and the Head of Democratic Services were thanked for providing a very informative presentation.

RESOLVED that the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee notes the content of the presentation.

7. 2023 BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND REVIEW

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Democratic Services which outlined the proposals under the Boundary Commission for England's 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies.

In considering the initial proposals being put forward for consultation by the Boundary Commission for England (BCE), the Committee felt very strongly that there would be a negative impact on Fareham's identity and community

cohesion and would cause significant confusion for residents in having 3 MPs representing the Borough.

The Committee agreed that the alternative consultation response, as outlined at Appendix B to the report, was a far better proposal. They commended Officers for producing it and were fully supportive of it, subject to the following amendments:

- (i) Paragraph 7 be amended to reflect the significant, natural topographical barrier that Portsdown Hill creates between Waterlooville and Fareham.
- (ii) The wording at paragraph 11 be strengthened to highlight that the early stages of the Local Government Boundary Review are now under way and that projected forecasts for growth at a local level will mean that the BCE review of parliamentary constituencies will be based on incorrect data and does not take into account any changes this is likely to bring.
- (iii) The table on pages 24 and 25 of the report which provides the proposed number of electors in the Gosport constituency be changed to show the individual elector numbers for the FS3 and FS4 areas as well as the Stubbington ward electorate figures.
- (iv) The Gosport constituency data table be moved so that it is directly after the Fareham consistency data table to emphasise the local community link between the two Boroughs.

RESOLVED that, subject to amendments (i) to (iv) outlined above, the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee recommends the revised consultation response, as outlined in Appendix B to the report, to Council for approval at its meeting on 29 July 2021.

8. LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Environmental Health which outlined the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee's Work Programme for 2021/22.

During discussion on this item it was noted that a presentation in respect of the Local Government Boundary Review is scheduled to be brought to the meeting of the Committee scheduled to take place in September. The Head of Democratic Services advised that this would be followed up with a further report for the Committee to consider at the November meeting ahead of proposals being put forward for consideration at the Council meeting scheduled to take place in December.

RESOLVED that the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee:

- (a) notes the progress on actions arising from the meeting of the Committee held on 30 March 2021, as shown in Appendix A to the report;

- (b) agrees that an item in respect of the Local Government Boundary Commission Proposals be added to the agenda for the meeting scheduled to take place on 23 November 2021; and
- (c) subject to (b) above, agrees the updated Work Programme for 2021/22, as set out in Appendix B to the report.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.40 pm).

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 27 May 2021

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs T L Ellis (Chairman)

Councillor Ms S Pankhurst (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mr M R Daniells, T Davies, J S Forrest, N R Gregory and Mrs J Kelly

Also Present: Councillor S D Martin (item 5)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies of absence received at this meeting.

2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcement –

I would like to briefly address the Panel, only that I should like to welcome those viewing online and thank those of you who have already expressed interest in this new panel. Please do not think the Council has been ignoring this issue as a lot of work has been going on over a long period of time by members and officers to ensure our engagement on climate change in a responsible and timely way. Please do look at information and links on the Fareham Borough Council Website detailing how we approach these challenges. You can even use the calculator to work out your own personal carbon footprint and consider ways you (or your business) can do your own 'net zero' plan. I'm sure the council officers and members look forward to working with our communities to make a positive difference. A window into what can be achieved having been shown during last year's lockdown, giving everyone time to reflect ... now is time for action, with this panel having an ongoing monitoring role.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

4. DEPUTATIONS

The Panel received video deputations in respect of item 5 - Climate Change action Plan from Lesley Goddard and Anne Stephenson.

5. CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

The Panel received a report from the Climate Change Officer on the Council's Climate Change Action Plan which is to be considered by the Executive on the 07 June 2021. The Climate Change Officer provided an overview of the Executive report and then went onto provide the details of the Climate Change Action Plan set out at Annex 1, Appendix A to the report.

At the agreement of the Chairman Councillor S Martin addressed the Committee during discussions on this item.

The Panel agreed that the Climate Change Action Plan is a good start and thanked Officers and Members that have been involved in developing the plan up to this point.

Members asked questions for clarity and discussed several aspects of the plan and the wider climate change work. One of the key topics for discussion related to the opportunities available to the Council to establish new and stronger links with the community and outside organisations to assist the

residents and businesses within Fareham Borough in progressing towards carbon neutrality.

RESOLVED that having considered the Executive report at Annex 1, the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel were supportive of the Climate Change Action Plan.

6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

There were no items of Executive Business for the Panel to consider at this meeting.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Chairman asked Members of the Panel to consider the Scrutiny Priorities for the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel.

Members requested that a presentation on the work being undertaken by the Greening Campaign within Fareham Borough, commissioned by the Council, be made to the Panel. The Director of Planning and Regeneration addressed the Panel to confirm that this would be a worthwhile exercise and that, in consultation with the Chairman, representatives of the Greening campaign be invited to a future meeting of the Panel.

Members also asked that an item be considered on the environmental upgrades to the Council's housing stock. The Climate Change Officer confirmed that there is a great deal of work taking place to upgrade existing homes so this would be formulated by officers by way of a presentation or report to the Panel at a future meeting.

RESOLVED that the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel: -

- a) considered the Climate Change scrutiny priorities;
- b) request that officers invite representatives of the Greening Campaign to a future meeting of the Panel, to advise on the work commissioned by the Council;
- c) request that a presentation or report on the environmental upgrades to the Council's housing stock be brought to a future meeting of the Panel; and
- d) request that a presentation or report on the opportunities for future engagement with Fareham's business community on climate change matters be brought to a future meeting of the Panel.

(The meeting started at 6.04 pm
and ended at 7.23 pm).

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 1 June 2021

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs S M Bayford, M J Ford, JP, Miss T G Harper and
Mrs K K Trott

Also Present: Mrs S M Walker (Item 6)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology of absence was received from Councillor J M Englefield.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 10 March 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made no announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received.

6. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

The Panel received a presentation by the Executive Member for Leisure and Community providing an overview of the Leisure and Community portfolio services and priorities. (a copy of this presentation has been appended to these minutes).

The Executive Member for Leisure and Community took questions from the Panel following her presentation.

Members welcomed the return of the Access All Areas event that takes place during the summer, but Councillor Ford suggested that a change of name for the event may be required to better reflect the great service that is offered to young people during the summer holidays. Councillor Mrs Walker acknowledged these comments but confirmed that the name is well established and is well known with all local youth groups and schools.

Councillor Mrs Clubley suggested that a site visit for members of the Panel be arranged for them to view the improvement works to Fareham Leisure Centre. Councillor Mrs Walker agreed that this could be undertaken in the future once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

RESOLVED that the Executive Member for Leisure and Community, Councillor Mrs Walker, be thanked for her informative presentation.

7. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

(1) Community Fund Application - Stop Domestic Abuse

No comments were received.

8. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Chairman addressed the Panel on this item to inform them that due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the scrutiny priorities for this Panel were to be reviewed by the Director of Leisure and Community and herself, in order that a new plan can be established for future meetings which will focus on any areas that have now become a priority as a result of the Pandemic.

She advised all members, that if they had any items that they would like to be considered for the Scrutiny Priorities plan, to contact herself or the Director for Leisure and Community.

Councillor Mrs Trott requested an update on the performance of the Leisure Centres, with particular emphasis on the advertising of fees and charges and membership structure.

Councillor Mrs Bayford requested an update on Y-Services and how they are coping following the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Chairman suggested that a written update be provided later in the year as Y-Services have recently provided a presentation to the Panel. In addition to this, Y-Services have recently received some lottery funding and have yet to finalise plans for the use of this, therefore a report later in the year would allow time for this to also be reported on.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 6.43 pm).

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Housing Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 8 July 2021

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs K Mandry (Chairman)

Councillor N R Gregory (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: S Dugan, G Fazackarley, Mrs C L A Hockley, Ms S Pankhurst and J G Kelly

Also Present: Councillor F Birkett, Executive Member for Housing (for item 9)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs K K Trott.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Housing Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 25 March 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman was pleased to announce that the Council has been successful in securing an extra £294,000 from the Government's Rough Sleeping Initiative this year. £95,000 of funding has already been received to reflect the extra cost of protecting rough sleepers during the Pandemic and, with the additional funding, it brings the total amount of support from the Rough Sleeping Initiative to £389,000 this year.

The Chairman commented that this is welcome news because it means that not only will the existing support be continued, but it builds on this too. The Council bid for funding to continue the personal support at East Street, Fareham, the current Outreach Workers, Complex Needs Navigator and Accommodation Officer, and put in place further support for those with Complex Needs as well as a post to assist with Homelessness Prevention and Mediation. Some of these are shared resources with Gosport Borough Council, which recognises the importance of a joined-up approach to tackling homelessness.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF 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

(1) Property Naming for Fareham Housing Development at Station Road, Portchester

There were no questions or comments for clarification.

(2) Policy on Assistance with Home Adaptations, Repairs and Improvements

There were no questions or comments for clarification.

(3) Town Centre Property Acquisition

There were no questions or comments for clarification.

7. THE ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY PANEL

The Panel received a presentation by the Head of Housing Delivery which provided Members with an overview of the role and functions of the Housing Scrutiny Panel. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

RESOLVED that the Housing Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the presentation.

8. AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE

The Panel received a presentation by the Head of Housing Delivery which updated Members on the progress being made with Fareham Housing sites and other relevant strategic housing matters. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes as Appendix B.

RESOLVED that the Housing Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the presentation.

9. TENANCY MANAGEMENT, REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL-OWNED PROPERTIES

Councillor Birkett, Executive Member for Housing, addressed the Panel on this item.

The Panel received a report by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer which provided information about the housing management and maintenance services provided by the neighbourhood Team and the Repairs & Maintenance Team.

During the discussion of this item it was agreed that officers would provide details of the Right to Buy sliding scale discounts for members' information.

It was also agreed that tenancy arrears information detailing the number of tenants involved would be provided to members for information.

RESOLVED that the Housing Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the report.

10. HOUSING SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

Members considered and discussed the Scrutiny Priorities for the Panel.

Members noted that at the last meeting of the Panel it was agreed that scrutiny of service standards being achieved by Housing Associations be added to the Priorities Plan. As a result of ongoing complaints being received from residents about levels of service, Members stressed the importance of carrying out this scrutiny.

The following additional items were put forward for scrutiny:

- (i) the effect of the Covid Pandemic on Council tenants being able to make their rental payments. It was noted however that a report will be taken to a meeting of the Executive later in the year which will provide a full review of the Council's response to the Pandemic.

(ii) the cleaning contract standards for Council owned flats in the Borough and how these standards are monitored.

(iii) a further update on the Rough Sleeping Initiatives.

RESOLVED that the Housing Scrutiny Panel considered the priorities for the Panel and agreed that items (ii) and (iii) be added to the Scrutiny Priorities Plan.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.29 pm).

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 13 July 2021

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Miss J Bull (Chairman)

Councillor Ms S Pankhurst (Vice-Chairman)

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

Also Present: Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE, Executive Member for Health and Public Protection



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

It was confirmed at item 3 of the previous minutes that the question raised by Councillor Mrs K K Trott at the Council meeting held on 26 February 2021 in respect of the deployment of CCTV cameras had been dealt with as agreed.

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

Councillor J M Englefield declared a personal interest in respect of item 8 on the agenda as he is an NHS employee.

Councillor Ms S Pankhurst declared a personal interest in respect of item 8 on the agenda as she is also an NHS employee.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

(1) Traffic Regulations 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

There were no questions or comments for clarification in respect of this item.

7. THE ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY PANEL

The Panel received a presentation by Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE, the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection, on the role and functions of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

The Executive Member answered questions put forward by Members in respect of Neighbourhood Watch, CCTV, links with Southampton General Hospital, dog fouling and fly tipping.

RESOLVED that the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection be thanked for providing his presentation.

8. EXECUTIVE MEMBER UPDATE

Councillor J M Englefield declared a personal interest in respect of this item as he is an NHS employee.

Councillor Ms S Pankhurst declared a personal interest in respect of this item as she is also an NHS employee.

The Panel received a verbal update from Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE, the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection, on police and public protection matters and local strategic health issues.

Police and Crime Panel

The Executive Member reported that he attended the Police and Crime Panel meeting on 02 July 2021 and officially met the new Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Donna Jones. At the meeting, the Panel appointed a new Chairman, Councillor Simon Bound, a new Vice Chairman, Mr David Stewart and also reviewed the membership of the Panel's various sub committees.

The Police and Crime Commissioner set out at the meeting that her Number 1 priority is for there to be 600 more officers across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight by the end of 2023. She also outlined that she aims to remove bureaucracy so that officers are on the beat rather than filling in forms and stated that, whilst the 101 and 999 services are now in good working order, she aims to ensure that feedback on outcomes is provided. In addition, she stated that she aims to make it easier to report crime and wants to make sure that children in the later stages of primary school are educated in how to avoid falling into anti-social behaviour. The Police and Crime Plan will also be made shorter, easier to understand and will show what has been achieved.

The afternoon session of the meeting dealt with the confirmation hearing of the appointment of Mr Luke Stubbs as the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner. This is an appointment that is within the remit of the Police and Crime Commissioner and so was not a normal interview process, however the Police and Crime Panel was given the opportunity to ask questions in order to satisfy Members that they would recommend the appointment.

Local Health Matters

The Executive Member reported that he had attended a Fareham Local Patient Group meeting that morning. Much of the discussion at the meeting surrounded Doctors' surgeries but there was also a report from the Clinical Commissioning group on current pressures. The vaccination rate for Fareham has now reached 92%, however problems are being encountered in reaching the 18-30 age group and also in making sure the right vaccines are in the right places at the right time.

The meeting also looked at NHS Digital which is now coming into effect. This is an NHS data sharing arrangement to provide various healthcare professionals with easier access to medical records so that a better standard of care can be provided to patients.

A study carried out on the effectiveness of online/video GP consultations, was reviewed at the meeting, however the Executive Member felt that the views put forward in the study seemed to predominantly be from people who work within the NHS and so may not fully represent the views of the general public.

The Executive Member went on to report that on the 24 June 2021 he attended a meeting of the Portsmouth City Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel which included the following:

An update by the South-Central Ambulance Service which included data relating to call outs, highlighting the concerning number of hours lost to the service from ambulances waiting at QA hospital. In October 2019, the number was as high as 2,160 and whilst this has improved since, it is now starting to show an increasing trend again.

An update by the Care Quality Commission on the Solent NHS Trust which gave an insight in to the Fareham area.

An overview of the management structure for the South East Hants Locality Team. Fareham's Director is Keeley Ellis.

Finally, The Executive Member advised the Panel that Sovereign Healthcare, which represents the three GP practices in the Borough that are working in partnership, will be holding an engagement event on 22 July 2021 from 6pm to 7.30pm. Anyone wishing to attend should email Sovereign Healthcare direct.

RESOLVED that the Executive Member be thanked for providing an interesting, informative and very comprehensive update.

9. SCRUTINY OF SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES

This item was brought forward on the agenda and heard directly after item 5.

The Panel received a presentation by the Community Safety Manager which provided Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the Council's current Safeguarding Policy and the actions within it. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes as Appendix B.

The presentation was received in response to the scoping report agreed by Members at the Panel meeting held on 23 March 2021.

Members discussed the importance of ongoing training being provided to ensure that members and officers understand, and are kept up to date with, their safeguarding responsibilities.

The Community Safety Manager was thanked for providing a very helpful and informative presentation.

RESOLVED that the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel scrutinised the Council's Safeguarding Policy and the actions within it.

10. HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Panel considered a new, proposed set of Scrutiny Priorities for 2021 onwards which were circulated in advance of the meeting and are attached to these minutes as Appendix C. It was noted that the new, proposed priorities are not an exhaustive list and new priorities can be added over time if necessary.

Members were invited to put forward any additional priorities at the meeting or to the Chairman afterwards and it was agreed that if no further items were received, the priorities as outline in Appendix C would be adopted.

RESOLVED that the Health and Public Protection Panel considered and agreed the new Scrutiny Priorities for 2021 onwards.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.38 pm).

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 15 July 2021

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Miss T G Harper (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs T L Ellis, Mrs P Hayre, Mrs K Mandry and R H Price, JP

Also Present: Councillor I J Bastable, Executive Member for Streetscene, and Mrs C L A Hockley (for items 9 and 10)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G Fazackarley.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 28 January 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman put forward thanks to Councillor M J Ford JP, the outgoing Executive Member for Streetscene, for his contribution over the last few meetings and welcomed the new Executive Member, Councillor I J Bastable to his first meeting of the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel.

The Chairman was also pleased to announce that last Wednesday, along with Executive Members, the Chairman of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel and the Head of Streetscene, she attended the opening of Abbey Meadows. It was a pleasure to see so many people enjoying themselves and it is hoped that many more people will be able to enjoy this beautiful area and the facilities it has to offer.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF 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

(1) Interim Arrangements for Floral Displays and In Bloom 2021

There were no questions or comments for clarification in respect of this item.

7. OVERVIEW OF THE STREETSCENE PORTFOLIO

The Panel received a presentation by Councillor I J Bastable, the Executive Member for Streetscene, which gave an overview of the main services provided by the Streetscene Team. The presentation also outlined the management structure and priorities for the departments within the portfolio. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

During discussion on this item, Members congratulated Officers on keeping the Borough such an attractive place to live and work.

The Executive Member was thanked for providing an interesting and informative presentation.

RESOLVED that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the presentation.

8. RESOURCES AND WASTE STRATEGY - DEPOSIT RETURN SCHEME, EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONSISTENCY OF COLLECTIONS PHASE 2 CONSULTATIONS

The Panel considered a report by the Head of Streetscene which provided a summary of the phase two DEFRA consultations for the Deposit Return Scheme, Extended Producer Responsibilities and Consistency of Collections, and gave an overview of the Fareham Borough Council perspective.

Members discussed the challenges that the changes will bring, in particular, the significant cost to the Council in procuring new collection vehicles and communicating the Strategy to residents and helping them to understand what the changes will be.

The Head of Streetscene was thanked for providing a very interesting and informative report.

RESOLVED that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the report.

9. FLORAL DISPLAYS AND IN BLOOM ARRANGEMENTS

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley addressed the Panel on this item.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor I J Bastable, the Executive Member for Streetscene, addressed the Panel on this item.

The Panel considered a report by the Head of Streetscene and a presentation by the Public Spaces Operations Manager which outlined the proposals for the future provision of the Council's floral displays and In Bloom Arrangements.

The Panel was very supportive of the development of more sustainable planting that has taken place across the Borough and complimented Officers on making the Borough look so attractive.

Members requested that floral towers be provided in Portchester and Stubbington district centres as well as in the Town Centre in order to increase the attractiveness of using district centres as shopping destinations. It was suggested that with help from community volunteers in maintaining the towers, only a capital cost would be needed.

Whilst the Panel was very supportive of the future provision of sustainable floral displays, there was considerable concern for the potential loss of valuable community involvement that may result from the proposed changes to Fareham in Bloom Arrangements. Reassurance was given by Officers that community volunteering and involvement will be retained and will continue to be part of any plans going forward.

The Head of Streetscene and the Public Spaces Operations Manager were thanked for providing an interesting report and presentation.

RESOLVED that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the report.

10. STREETSCENE SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley addressed the Panel on this item.

Members considered and discussed the Scrutiny Priorities for the Streetscene Panel.

In discussing this item, it was agreed that a report be brought to the next meeting of the Panel which will outline how the Council infrastructure is inspected and monitored.

It was also agreed that a further review of the Fareham In Bloom Activities be brought for consideration by the Panel in 18 months' time.

RESOLVED that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel agrees that:

- (a) a report be brought to the next meeting of the Panel which will outline how the Council infrastructure is inspected and monitored; and
- (b) a further review of the Fareham In Bloom activities be brought for consideration by the Panel in 18 months' time.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 8.25 pm).

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Council

29 July 2021

Subject: **BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND REVIEW OF
PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES – 2023 REVIEW**

Report of: **Head of Democratic Services**

SUMMARY

The Boundary Commission for England is tasked to periodically review all Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England. The current review, which must report to Parliament in July 2023, is being carried out under rules laid down in the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020.

A public consultation was launched on 8 June 2021 to encourage everyone to contribute to the design of the new parliamentary constituencies. The 8-week statutory consultation period ends on 2 August 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council 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; and agrees that the response is formally submitted to the Boundary Commission for England.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is the independent organisation responsible for reviewing Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England.
2. The BCE is currently conducting a review on the basis of legislative rules contained within the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020. Those rules require the BCE to make final recommendations for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries by 1 July 2023.
3. While retaining the overall number of constituencies across the UK at 650, the rules apply a distribution formula that results in an increase in the number of constituencies in England (from 533 to 543).

BACKGROUND

4. Previous Parliamentary Boundary reviews were commenced and published for consultation in 2011 and 2016. In both cases, the initial proposals were not carried through and no changes to English parliamentary constituencies have been implemented since 2010.
5. The number of electors in each parliamentary constituency varies greatly across England and therefore the BCE are working to statutory rules meaning that all recommended constituencies must have no less than 69,724 Parliamentary electors and no more than 77,062 (except those 'protected' constituencies set out in the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020 – locally, the Isle of Wight is one of these). By law, these electorate figures relate to the electoral registers as they were on 2 March 2020.
6. This is a significant change to the old rules under which Parliamentary boundary reviews took place, in which achieving as close to the average number of electors in each constituency was an aim, but there was no statutory fixed minimum and maximum number of electors.
7. As well as the primary rule that constituencies must have no fewer than 69,724 electors and no more than 77,062, the legislation also states that, when deciding on boundaries, the Commission may take into account:
 - special geographical considerations, including in particular the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency;
 - local government boundaries which existed, or were prospective, on 1 December 2020;
 - boundaries of existing constituencies;
 - any local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies; and
 - the inconveniences attendant on such changes.
8. A detailed description of the process can be found on the Boundary Commission's webpage: <https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/guide-to-the-2023-review-of-parliamentary-constituencies/>

INITIAL PROPOSALS

9. The South East has been allocated 91 constituencies – an increase of seven from the current number. This includes two protected constituencies on the Isle of Wight.
10. The BCE's division of the South East into sub-regions is a practical approach but the distribution of electors across the nine counties of the South East is such that allocating a whole number of constituencies within each county, each falling within the permitted electorate range, is not possible.
11. There are currently 18 constituencies in Hampshire. Of the existing constituencies, 13 are within the permitted electorate range. Of the remaining five constituencies, one is below the 5% limit (Romsey and Southampton North) and four are above the 5% limit (Basingstoke, Eastleigh, Fareham, and North West Hampshire).
12. The full details of the initial proposals for the South East region can be viewed via the BCE website here: [Initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in the South East region | Boundary Commission for England | Page 5 \(independent.gov.uk\)](#)
13. The specific initial proposals affecting the Borough of Fareham are as follows:
14. "In order to reduce the number of electors in the two constituencies of Eastleigh and Fareham, we propose a more substantial reconfiguration in this area of Hampshire. We propose a constituency that would pair the towns of Fareham and Portchester with the town of Waterlooville, including rural elements of the lower Meon Valley that sit between those two settlements. This constituency would be called Fareham and Waterlooville. The remainder of the Borough of Fareham, including Titchfield, would be included in a constituency situated around the River Hamble, extending north-west to include the town of Hedge End from Eastleigh district and the community of Whiteley from the Winchester local authority. We propose that this constituency would be called Hedge End; we particularly welcome representations on whether an alternative name would be more appropriate."
15. "We recognise that the configuration of these two constituencies divides the Fareham local authority and that our proposals include an orphan ward.⁹ However, we consider that other configurations of constituencies in this and the surrounding area would not better reflect the statutory factors, particularly with regard to the unchanged constituencies that make up the rest of the south Hampshire conurbation."
16. "We propose that the Eastleigh constituency consists of the remainder of the Eastleigh local authority, including the town of Eastleigh itself, as well as the Valley Park ward from the Test Valley local authority. Although this is another orphan ward, we noted that the town of Valley Park is situated within the greater built-up area around Eastleigh and Chandler's Ford."
17. The effects of the initial proposals can be seen in the following electorate tables:

Fareham and Waterlooville CC 77,036

Ward	Local authority	Electorate
Fareham East	Fareham	5,930
Fareham North	Fareham	5,621
Fareham North-West	Fareham	5,548
Fareham South	Fareham	5,505
Fareham West	Fareham	5,403
Portchester East	Fareham	8,883
Portchester West	Fareham	5,608
Cowplain	Havant	7,434
Hart Plain	Havant	7,657
Waterloo	Havant	8,163
Denmead	Winchester	6,494
Southwick & Wickham	Winchester	4,790

Gosport BC 73,763

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

Hedge End CC 76,902

Ward	Local authority	Electorate
Botley	Eastleigh	4,782
Bursledon & Hound North	Eastleigh	6,908
Hamble & Netley	Eastleigh	7,970
Hedge End North	Eastleigh	7,501
Hedge End South	Eastleigh	8,790
Locks Heath	Fareham	5,648
Park Gate	Fareham	7,137
Sarisbury	Fareham	6,018
Titchfield Common	Fareham	6,052
Titchfield	Fareham	5,926
Warsash	Fareham	5,536
Whiteley & Shedfield	Winchester	4,634

18. For a visual representation of the new constituency boundaries drawn by the initial proposals, please refer to the map image at Appendix A to this report.

CONSULTATION RESPONSE

19. Members have the opportunity to feedback their responses to the consultation directly to the Boundary Commission for England via the consultation website but in order to meet the consultation deadline of the 2 August 2021, the Council is also able to submit a formal response.

20. The formal consultation response is attached at Appendix B

LICENSING & REGULATORY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

21. This report and the draft consultation response was presented to the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee at its meeting on 20 July for consideration.

22. In reviewing the initial proposals being put forward for consultation by the Boundary Commission for England, the Committee felt very strongly that there would be a negative impact on Fareham's identity and community cohesion and would cause significant confusion for residents in having 3 MPs representing the Borough.

23. The Committee unanimously agreed that the alternative consultation response, as outlined at Appendix B to the report, was a far better proposal and agreed to recommend the consultation response to Council for approval, subject to the following amendments:

- (i) Paragraph 7 be amended to reflect the significant, natural topographical barrier that Portsdown Hill creates between Waterlooville and Fareham.
- (ii) The wording at paragraph 11 be strengthened to highlight that the early stages of the Local Government Boundary Review are now under way and that the projected forecasts of growth at a local level will mean that the BCE review of parliamentary constituencies will be based on incorrect data and does not take into account any changes this is likely to bring.
- (iii) The table on pages 24 and 25 of the report which provides the proposed number of electors in the Gosport constituency be changed to show the individual elector numbers for FS3 and FS4 areas, as well as the Stubbington ward electorate.
- (iv) The Gosport constituency data table be moved so that it is directly after the Fareham consistency data table to emphasise the local community link between the two Boroughs.

RISK ASSESSMENT

24. There are significant risk considerations in relation to the initial proposals published by the BCE as they may add pressure to Fareham's existing resources for managing electoral registers throughout the year and in the run up to parliamentary elections.
25. The number of parliamentary constituencies that cross council boundaries is set to increase by a third, potentially creating more complexity for councils running elections and applying for government funds.
26. The Electoral Registration Officer for Fareham Borough Council currently gives away the electorate of 2 wards to Gosport Borough Council. The proposals would mean that FBC will still give away to Gosport but in addition would take on electorate from Havant Borough Council and Winchester City Council to administer the new Fareham and Waterlooville constituency and either give away or take on from Eastleigh Borough Council and Winchester City Council to administer the new Hedge End constituency.
27. Dealing with electoral administration amongst 5 Local Authority electoral register during the preparation for a parliamentary election is an unwelcome additional burden for the Electoral Registration Officer and his staff.

CONCLUSION

28. Members are invited to consider the various maps, proposal documents and the Boundary Commission's website in order to contribute to the Council's response to the consultation.
29. Council is asked to review the draft consultation response as set out in Appendix B, adding any proposals or comments before the response is formally submitted to the Boundary Commission for England.

Appendices:

Appendix A - Initial Proposals map

Appendix B - Draft Consultation response

Background Papers: None

Reference Papers:

Boundary Commission for England 2023 Review: [2023 Review | Boundary Commission for England \(independent.gov.uk\)](#)

Boundary Commission for England Consultation Website: [BCE Consultation Portal \(bcereviews.org.uk\)](#)

Contact: For further information please contact Leigh Usher. (Ext 4553)



FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Boundary Commission for England 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies

Fareham Borough Council response to initial proposals for the existing Fareham constituency becoming the Fareham and Waterlooville constituency in the South East region.

1. Fareham Borough Council does not support the proposals to create a Fareham and Waterlooville County Constituency.
2. Fareham Borough Council does not support the proposals to create a Hedge End County Constituency.

REASONS

3. The Local Authority area of Fareham Borough Council is currently served by 2 MPs from the Fareham constituency (made up of 13 FBC wards) and the Gosport constituency (made up of 2 FBC wards and 17 Gosport Borough Council wards).
4. The proposals would see the Local Authority area of Fareham Borough Council being served by 3 MPs with Fareham and Waterlooville, Gosport and the newly created Hedge End Constituency. This additional MP for the area would split up the identity of the area and confuse residents who identify with the Fareham conurbation.
5. Fareham Borough Council urges the Boundary Commission for England to recognise the natural community identity of the existing Fareham constituency which is shaped by the trunk of the River Hamble to the west and the coastal inlet of Paulsgrove Lake to the east. The southern border of the current constituency follows the coastline from the mouth of the River Hamble at Warsash to the Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve at the mouth of the River Meon.
6. The proximity of the coastline and river course and the history of nautical life in and around the Fareham settlements is reflected in the Borough's crest which features an ancient ship of gold set sail on water representing the Town's ancient prosperity as a port and shipbuilding centre.
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 at the northern foot of Portsdown Hill some 10 miles away.

8. Fareham Borough Council strongly believes that the western wards of Fareham have little or no community cohesion with the area west of the River Hamble. The river is a significant boundary that strongly defines and separates the local communities on either side.
9. The Electoral Registration Officer for Fareham Borough Council currently gives away the electorate of 2 wards to Gosport Borough Council. The proposals would mean that FBC will still give away to Gosport but in addition would take on electorate from Havant Borough Council and Winchester City Council to administer the new Fareham and Waterlooville constituency and either give away or take on from Eastleigh Borough Council and Winchester City Council to administer the new Hedge End constituency.
10. Dealing with electoral administration amongst 5 Local Authority electoral register during the preparation for a parliamentary election is an unwelcome additional burden for Council staff.
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 highly likely 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.
12. Whilst Fareham Borough Council acknowledges the BCE guidance which specifies that the parliamentary review is based on electoral register data from March 2020, the Local Authority strongly urges the BCE to recognise the difficulties created by having to run both parliamentary and local ward boundary reviews during the same time period.

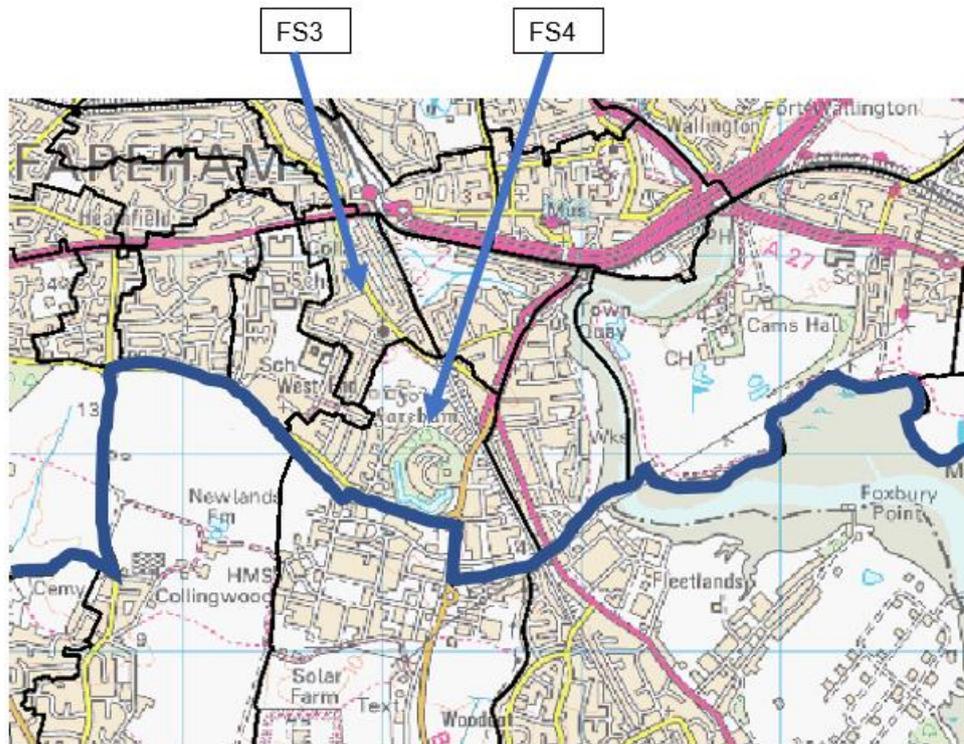
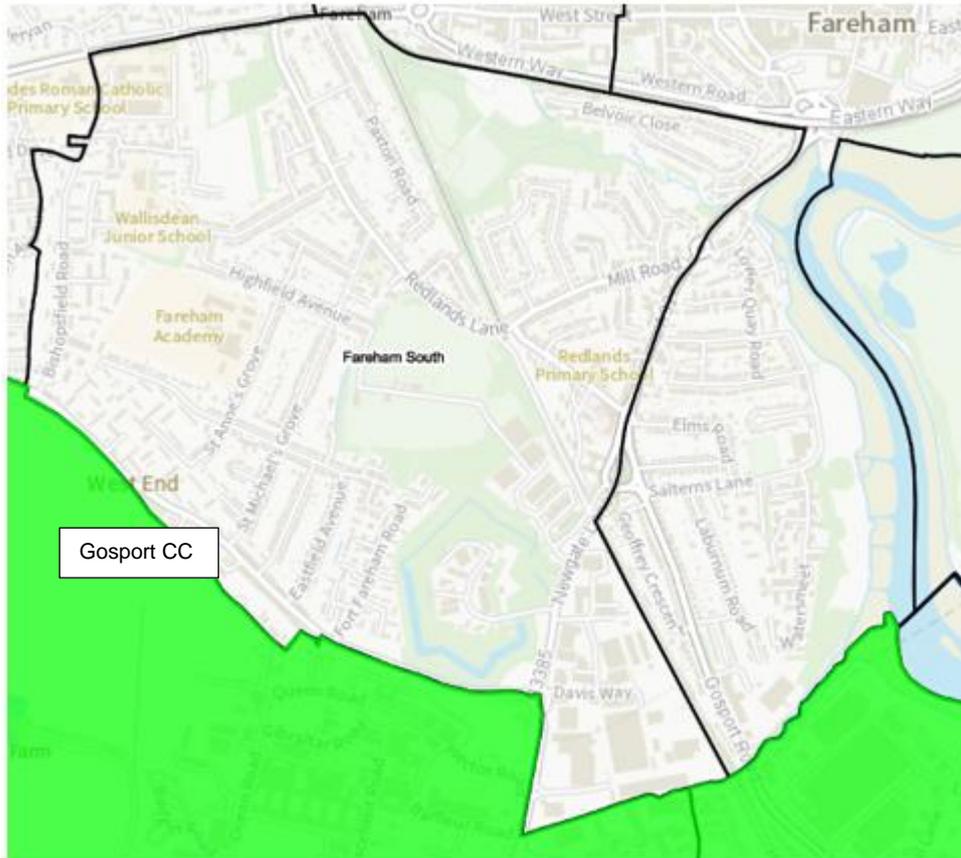
COUNTER PROPOSALS

13. Fareham Borough Council is presenting the following counter proposals to the BCE as an alternative solution to meet the statutory requirements for the parliamentary boundary review whilst minimising disruption across Hampshire.
14. The following table shows the Fareham's neighbouring constituencies with the electorate figures as at March 2020:

Current constituency	Electorate	Notes
Fareham	78,815	Needs to lose 1,753 electors
Gosport	73,763	Within tolerance
Havant	72,766	Within tolerance
Meon Valley	75,591	Within tolerance

15. To resolve the Fareham constituency figures, we recommend giving polling districts FS3 and FS4 (from Fareham South ward) to Gosport Constituency (2,467 electors), which results in:

Fareham Constituency (78,815 – 2,467) = 76,348
Gosport Constituency (73,763 + 2,467) = 76,230



16. The polling district of FS4 is situated on the boundary with Gosport constituency (adjoining Stubbington and Bridgemaury North wards) and FS3 is adjacent to FS4.
17. The main Gosport Road flows from the Fareham constituency into Gosport providing an important transport link between the two areas.
18. The counter proposals we are recommending would result in the following electorate figures for each Hampshire constituency:

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
Salisbury	6,018
Titchfield	5,926
Titchfield Common	6,052
Warsash	5,536

Hedge End & Waterloo 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

Gosport 76,230

Alverstoke	3,532
Anglesey	2,998
Bridgemaury North	3,453
Bridgemaury 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 (plus FS3 and FS4)	8,019
Town	3,873

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