

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA

DAEDALUS SCRUTINY PANEL

Date: Tuesday, 7 September 2021

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

Members:

Councillor S Dugan (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs P Hayre (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs S M Bayford

Miss J Bull

M J Ford, JP

J S Forrest

Mrs K Mandry

Deputies: R H Price, JP

N J Walker



1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 21 June 2021.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest and Disclosures of Advice or Direction

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

5. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been lodged.

6. Scrutiny Priorities

To provide an opportunity for Members to consider the scrutiny priorities for the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel.

7. Executive Business (Pages 9 - 10)

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

(1) Variation to Construction of New Units at Faraday Business Park, Daedalus (Pages 11 - 12)

8. Exclusion of Public and Press

To consider whether it is in the public interest to exclude the public and representatives of the press for this item on the grounds that, the matter to deal with under item 9 of the agenda involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

9. Solent Airport Operator Contract (Pages 13 - 20)

To consider a report by the Director of Planning and Regeneration on Solent Airport Operator Contract.



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

Date: Thursday, 24 June 2021

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor S Dugan (Chairman)

Councillor (Vice-Chairman)

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

Also

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



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTION

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

4. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received at this meeting.

5. DAEDALUS - DELIVERING THE COUNCIL'S VISION

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED that: -

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

b) The contents of the presentation are noted.

6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

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

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

7. SCRUTINY PRIORITIES

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

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

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

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Report to Daedalus Scrutiny Panel

Date **7 September 2021**

Report of: **Director of Planning and Regeneration**

Subject: **EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

SUMMARY

One of the key functions of this Scrutiny Panel is to hold the Executive Portfolio Holder and Senior Officers to Account in the delivery of the Service and the Improvement Actions identified in the Council's Corporate Priorities and Corporate Vision.

Members are therefore invited to consider the items of business which fall under the remit of the Policy and Resources portfolio, specifically in relation to Daedalus, and have been dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel. This includes any decision taken by Individual Executive Members.

The relevant notices for decisions taken are attached for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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2021/22
Decision No.
2289

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 5 July 2021

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Variation to Construction of new units at Faraday Business Park, Daedalus
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

To update the Executive on progress with the development of speculative industrial units at Faraday Business Park at Daedalus and to present options with regard to the provision of office accommodation in Units 15 and 16.

At the 7 January 2019 Executive it was agreed to fund the construction of new industrial / business units at Faraday Business Park. The development consists of three buildings, with one of these divided into two to provide four units in total.

On 7 September 2020 the Executive considered a further report which assessed the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the prospects for the scheme, and it was agreed that the scheme should proceed.

Following the award of the construction contract, the build out is well underway with completion scheduled for Autumn 2021. Since that time updated marketing advice has been received and the construction sector has been impacted by the delay in steel production.

The above changes have triggered a review of the specification for the scheme and a recommendation that it be revised with all four units being provided with office accommodation to maximise the letting potential/income receipts from the development.

This report recommends a two-stage approach to the provision of office accommodation in Units 15 and 16 to mitigate the risk from potentially having void units.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

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.

Reason:

To maximise the letting and income potential from the speculative development at the Faraday Business Park at Daedalus and to minimise risk.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

Monday, 5 July 2021

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Report to Daedalus Scrutiny Panel

Date **7 September 2021**

Report of: **Director of Planning and Regeneration**

Subject: **Solent Airport Operator Contract**

SUMMARY

The Daedalus Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider and review the Executive's consideration of the contracted provision of Airport Operation and Management Services. The Director of Planning and Regeneration will refer any proposals or comments of the Panel to the Executive meeting on 21 September 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

That any proposals or comments of the Panel be referred to the Executive at its meeting on 21 September 2021.

Appendix A: Executive Report "Solent Airport Operator Contract" to be considered on 21 September 2021

Background Papers: None

Reference Papers: None

Enquiries:

For further information on this report please contact Sarah Ward, Daedalus Strategic Lead. (Ext 4669)

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