

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2021/22
Decision No.
2319

Record of Decision by Executive

Tuesday, 7 December 2021

Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Local Authority Delivery Phase 2 (LAD2) Funding Scheme for energy efficiency measures to Council homes - Update
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Providing housing choices

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to update the Executive on additional LAD 2 funding now available to improve the energy efficiency of Council homes. This is further to the LAD2 funding approved at the October Executive.

The report seeks approval to expand the energy efficiency works originally planned and for the funding mechanisms to meet the Council's contribution.

At its meeting of the 11 October 2021, the Executive discussed the LAD2 funding opportunity to improve Council owned homes. The funding and contract approach were also approved at this meeting.

Further discussions have taken place on funding availability and it has emerged that the Council could apply for more works than originally anticipated. At the current time it is not possible to determine the exact number of properties, however, work is already underway to understand this given the short timescales of this funding.

This report seeks approval to extend the contract with City Energy for energy efficiency works to the Council social housing stock. Approval is also sought for the funding arrangements. The Council would be required to fund up to £5,000, or 1/3 of the works, per property; LAD2 funding will typically cover the remaining 2/3 of the costs of the improvement measures.

A budget of £350,000 will be put into the HRA capital programme over the next 2-3 financial years. This is in addition to the £150,000 agreed at the October Executive meeting.

The report seeks approval for the Council to enter into an appropriate contract for the energy efficiency works (scheme to be co-ordinated by the South West Energy hub) and to approve the funding arrangements.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) that the extension for the contract for the works which facilitate the use of LAD2 be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer; and
- (b) the funding mechanisms to meet the Council's contribution toward the costs of the works.

Reason:

To meet the commitments in the Housing Greener Policy and the Fareham Borough Council Climate Change Action Plan.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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2320

Record of Decision by Executive

Tuesday, 7 December 2021

Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Fareham Housing Disposals at 12 Hartlands Road and development of land adjacent to 51 Bellfield
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Providing housing choices

Purpose:

To obtain approval from the Executive for the disposal of 12 Hartlands Road.

To seek approval for the funding arrangements to deliver 1No.3 or 4 bed Affordable Rent home on land adjacent to 51 Bellfield.

To also seek approval of the process toward the appointment of contractors for the scheme.

This report asks the Executive to approve the disposal of 12 Hartlands Road through the open market and to use the net proceeds of the disposal toward the provision of new, greener, affordable housing in the Borough.

At its meeting of 06 April 2009, the Executive approved the budget to undertake improvement works to 12 Hartlands Road and change its use into temporary accommodation. The intention was to then sell the property once the housing market had recovered. With the current condition of the property and recent improvements to the housing market, the opportunity has arisen to fulfil the 2009 Executive decision.

This report also seeks approval for the funding arrangements to deliver affordable housing on land adjacent to 51 Bellfield.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the disposal of 12 Hartlands Road;
- (b) delegates authority to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer for the approach to establish the best route to sale be it via auction or the open market;
- (c) delegates authority to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, following consultation with the executive Member for Policy and Resources, to accept the best (if open market sale);
- (d) approves the use of the net proceeds to improve existing, or fund further delivery of, greener affordable housing in the Borough;
- (e) approves the funding mechanisms, as outlined in the confidential Appendix A attached to the report, for the delivery of the Bellfield scheme; and
- (f) agrees that the award of contract and the appointment of building contractor for the Bellfield site be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, following consultation with the Executive Member for Housing.

Reason:

To ensure the disposal of 12 Hartlands Road, and the funding arrangements to deliver the Bellfield site, are acceptable. This will enable a time efficient process to deliver the scheme when formal planning consent is available.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	The Falklands 40th Anniversary Proposals
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

To set out proposals regarding how the Council and local community could mark and commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the end of the Falklands Conflict on 14 June 2022.

The 40th Anniversary of the Falklands Conflict will take place in 2022. It is proposed that the Council aims to help Borough residents commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the end of the Falklands Conflict by:

- Staging a public event in Fareham Town Centre, including community activities and a Freedom March by HMS Collingwood; and
- An adaptation to the existing Falklands Arch

Options Considered:

The Executive Leader brought this item forward on the agenda.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that in order to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands Conflict, the Executive approves:

- (a) a public event be organised in Fareham Town Centre, including community activities and a Freedom March by HMS Collingwood;
- (b) an adaptation to the Falklands Arch; and
- (c) officers be authorised to make formal approaches to, and hold discussions on behalf of the Council with, HMS Collingwood, other agencies and VIPs to plan the event.

Reason:

It is important to recognise the sacrifice made by those who fought and died in the Falklands Conflict and commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the end of the conflict on 14 June 2022.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Tuesday, 7 December 2021

Portfolio	Streetscene
Subject:	Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) Fuel Pilot
Report of:	Head of Streetscene
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Protect and enhance the environment; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

To outline the results of a feasibility study into potential fuels for the Council's Refuse Collection Vehicles and propose a 12-month trial of hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO).

The Climate Change Action Plan was approved at the 07 June 2021 Executive meeting. Understanding the Council's vehicle replacement options and trialling vehicles to move towards other fuel sources for the fleet were identified as priorities within the plan.

The feasibility of hydrogen, electricity and hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) as alternative fuels for the refuse collection vehicle (RCV) fleet are presented.

The report proposes a 12-month trial of HVO in the three RCVs to be used for garden waste collections, starting in time for the launch of the new wheeled bin collection service in February 2022.

Options Considered:

The Executive Leader brought this item forward on the agenda.

Councillor F W Birkett joined the meeting at the beginning of this item.

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

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves:

- (a) a 12-month pilot using Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil to fuel the three Refuse Collection vehicles collecting garden waste; and
- (b) that the Head of Streetscene, following consultation with the Executive Member for Streetscene, be authorised to broaden the use of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil to the wider refuse collection vehicle fleet during the trial considering a reasonable balance of emissions savings against potential additional costs.

Reason:

To help significantly reduce the Council's carbon emissions from fuel and contribute to the Council's commitment to becoming carbon neutral in service provision by 2030.

Confirmed as a true record:

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Record of Decision by Executive

Tuesday, 7 December 2021

Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Implications of Natural England advice on New Forest Recreational Disturbance
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Leisure opportunities for health and fun; Protect and enhance the environment; Providing housing choices

Purpose:

To provide Members with information on a new position from Natural England in relation to recreational disturbance impacts from new occupiers of development in Fareham on protected sites on the New Forest, and the implications thereof, and to agree an interim mitigation solution.

This report outlines the issues surrounding the impacts of increased recreational pressure on the New Forest designated sites, the advice from Natural England as statutory advisors on protected sites, and the interim mitigation solution. This report seeks Executive approval for the interim mitigation solution set out in the report, which will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

Options Considered:

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor N J Walker addressed the Executive on this item.

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

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the approach to interim mitigation solution as set out in paragraphs 18-30 of the report;

- (b) agrees to the carrying out of works identified in the proposed solution on receipt of appropriate funds received through planning obligations;
- (c) notes that, where appropriate, the Planning Committee will be advised that the Executive has agreed to the carrying out of the works identified in the proposed solution upon receipt of financial contributions; and
- (d) agrees with the recommendation suggested by the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel to continue to lobby Government for responses to the letter sent to them by the Executive Leader, relating to the advice provided by Natural England on this issue

Reason:

To ensure sufficient options for mitigation to address any adverse effect of recreational impacts upon protected sites in the New Forest from new residential and overnight accommodation in the Borough.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Record of Decision by Executive

Tuesday, 7 December 2021

Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Fareham Borough Solent Waders and Brent Geese Mitigation Solution
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Protect and enhance the environment; Providing housing choices

Purpose:

The Fareham Local Plan 2037, which is now at examination, allocates sites for housing and employment on land which is designated as important for Solent Wader and Brent Geese (SWBG) populations. Mitigation measures are therefore required to avoid adverse effects on those populations and this report seeks to brief the Executive on the mitigation solutions for those Local Plan allocations.

The Solent supports a significant overwintering population of Solent Waders and Brent Geese (SWBG) and there are several Special Protection Areas (SPAs) designated throughout the region due to their legal protection. The populations of SWBG rely on the availability of a network of terrestrial feeding and roosting sites which are designated as part of the Solent Wader and Brent Goose Network. Development can result in negative impacts to the SWBG Network and as such this is a matter for consideration when preparing a Local Plan. The emerging Local Plan 2037 has been subject to the Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) process which identified 5 particular site allocations that would require mitigation in relation to potential adverse impacts on such designated sites. As Local Planning Authority, the Council is required to demonstrate the deliverability of the Local Plan including the site allocations. Not doing so presents a risk to the soundness of the Local Plan through the Examination process. The Local Mitigation Solutions (LMS) have been produced to demonstrate the deliverability of the Local Plan allocations through identification of the individual mitigation for those sites.

Options Considered:

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

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive notes the availability of mitigation schemes in support of allocations in the submitted Fareham Local Plan 2037, which is now at examination.

Reason:

To provide further evidence to demonstrate the deliverability of those Local Plan allocations which result in negative impacts to the Solent Wader and Brent Goose Network.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Finance Monitoring Report 2021/22
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

This report provides comparative information on the Council's revenue expenditure for the period for the first half of the financial year. Members are invited to consider the financial performance and any corrective action that may be deemed appropriate.

The report provides summary information on the overall spending position against the emergency revenue budgets in the current year, as set out in the following tables:

General Fund	Budget 2021/22	Budget to 30 Sep 21	Actual to 30 Sep 21	Variation
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Service Budgets	14,693	1,261	1,002	-259
Non-Service Budgets	-1,854	-287	-293	-6
COVID Funding	-2,567	-451	-451	0
Net Budgets	10,272	523	258	-265

Housing Revenue Account	Budget 2021/22	Budget to 30 Sep 21	Actual to 30 Sep 21	Variation
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Income Budgets	-12,353	-6,176	-6,397	-221
Management Costs	3,515	1,067	973	-94
Finance Costs	2,837	700	700	0
Property Costs	6,001	1,100	1,155	55
Net Budgets	0	-3,309	-3,569	-260

Revenue spending plans are currently showing a net underspend for the first half of the financial year. Any underspending achieved by the end of the year will reduce the need to call on the Council's reserves for 2021/22. However, there are a number of areas where spend is in excess of the budget and some areas are likely to continue to be overspent through to the end of the financial year. It therefore

remains appropriate to continue to monitor financial performance closely over the remainder of the financial year to ensure that any slippage does not adversely affect the services provided to residents and customers. Commentary on the most significant variations is set out in the briefing paper accompanying the report.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive notes the Finance Monitoring Report.

Reason:

To provide members of the Executive with a summary of the Council's budgetary performance for the first half of the financial year.

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Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Treasury Management and Capital Monitoring Report 2021/22
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

This report summarises the Council's investment activity and capital expenditure up to 30 September 2021 and provides details of the Council's money market transactions. It also provides information on the performance against the Treasury and Prudential Indicators.

During the first half of the year the Council operated within the Treasury and Prudential Indicators.

The overall investment position is set out in the following table:

	31 March 2021 Actual £'000	30 Sept 2021 Actual £'000
Total borrowing	55,967	55,967
Total investments	(18,625)	(21,773)
Net borrowing	37,342	£34,194

The Council's net interest budget for 2021/22 is £695,700 (661,300 actual in 2020/21 and is currently on target to achieve this by the year end.

A summary of the capital programme expenditure against budgets in the current year, is set out in the following table:

Capital Programme	Revised Budget 2021/22 £	Budget to 30 Sep 21 £	Actual to 30 Sep 21 £	Variation £
General Fund	24,203,300	7,200,000	6,232,320	-967,680
HRA	11,900,800	3,695,000	2,745,636	-949,364
Total	36,104,100	10,895,000	8,977,956	-1,917,044

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive notes the Treasury Management and Capital Monitoring Report for 2021/22.

Reason:

To inform the Executive of the Council's investment, borrowing and capital programme activity up to 30 September 2021.

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Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Tuesday, 7 December 2021

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Virtual Briefing Meetings
Report of:	Director of Support Services
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

To seek approval for a new approach and protocol for the way in which briefings and non-formal meetings are held between Council Officers and Elected Members.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the majority of Fareham Borough Council staff worked in the Council's offices, at other Council facilities (such as sheltered housing schemes) or worked across the borough maintaining our parks, collecting household waste, visiting people and homes, all with one thing in common, to provide high quality customer services across Fareham borough.

Whilst this remains the primary objective, the ways in which Council Officers and Elected Members communicate and work together has had to change during the pandemic in order to remain compliant with Government guidelines and restrictions on movement. This significantly reduced the number and frequency of face-to-face meetings.

Although we had already started the move to mobile and cloud-based ICT solutions, the pandemic led us to a rapid step-change in our use of mobile technology and working remotely. What we learnt from this experience, is that many of our services can be provided very effectively through remote working, and this led to a review being undertaken to consider how we might build on this approach in the future.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) all future Officer/Member briefings and non-formal meetings should be delivered via Microsoft Teams where possible and practical to do so; and
- (b) the Virtual Meetings Protocol, as appended to this report be adopted.

Reason:

To act on the lessons learnt from responding to the pandemic and to maximise the use of technology to support communication with remote working.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Tuesday, 7 December 2021

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Delivery of Daedalus Vision and Outline Strategy - Environmental Mitigation Proposals
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Maintain and extend prosperity; Protect and enhance the environment

Purpose:

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

Options Considered:

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

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees to the recommendations contained within the exempt report and that a decision was made in relation to this item.

Reason:

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

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Tuesday, 7 December 2021

Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Option Agreement - Plot DE05/06, Faraday Business Park
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	

Purpose:

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

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, to carry out the decision in this matter.

Reason:

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

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Tuesday, 7 December 2021

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Irrecoverable Debts
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

This report proposes the approval of the write-off of certain debts over £5,000 which are irrecoverable.

Appendix A to the report lists the debts that are considered irrecoverable. Every effort has been made to recover the debts and there is no further legal action that can be taken, where it is applicable.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that the debts listed in confidential Appendix A to the report be written off as irrecoverable.

Reason:

There is no further legal action that can be taken to collect the debt or that exceptional circumstances apply that justify the non-collection of the debt.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

Tuesday, 7 December 2021