

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2022/23
Decision No.
2399

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 9 January 2023

Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Fareham Housing Development of Ophelia Court, Montefiore Drive, Park Gate
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Providing housing choices

Purpose:

To seek approval to update the funding arrangements to deliver nine new affordable home ownership flats at Ophelia Court, the former Coldeast Scout Hut site on Montefiore Drive and to seek updated approval of the process toward the appointment of contractors, following contractor tender returns for the scheme.

The report provides Members with an overview of the updated funding arrangements proposed for the delivery of nine new flats for affordable home ownership at the former scout hut site, to be known as Ophelia Court.

Further details surrounding the funding arrangements, including the total estimated cost to deliver the project, are provided in the confidential Appendix A attached to the report.

In addition to the funding arrangements, this report seeks updated Executive approval for delegated authority that will allow a time efficient appointment of an appropriate contractor to build out the scheme.

Options Considered:

During the discussion on this item the Executive Member for Housing placed on record her thanks to the officers of Fareham Housing and the Finance teams who have delivered a mix of affordable and shared ownership homes across the Borough and aims to provide up to 345 homes over the coming years. All members of the Executive conveyed their thanks and admiration.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) the updated funding mechanisms, as outlined in the confidential Appendix A to the report, for the delivery of an affordable home ownership scheme at Ophelia Court; and
- (b) that the award of contract and the appointment of building contractor(s) for Ophelia Court be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, following consultation with the Executive Member for Housing.

Reason:

To ensure the funding arrangements are acceptable and to enable the award of contract and appointment of building contractor(s).

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Decision No.
2402

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Monday, 9 January 2023

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Finance Strategy, Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2023/24
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

This report provides an update on the Council's 5-year financial forecasts and makes recommendations regarding the revised revenue budget for 2022/23 and 2023/24.

The report gives the Executive the opportunity to consider the Council's 5-year financial forecasts as set out in the Medium-Term Finance Strategy (MTFS), revised service budgets for 2022/23 and proposed service budgets for 2023/24.

Revised General Fund Revenue Budget 2022/23

The revised general fund revenue budget for 2022/23 amounts to £15,660,700 for service budgets and with other budgets totalling -£4,673,400 (including a use of general reserves of £1,259,500), giving an overall position of £10,987,300 which is an increase of £199,300 from the base budget for 2022/23.

General Fund Revenue Budget 2023/24

The proposed general fund budget for 2023/24 totals £15,714,700 for service budgets along with -£3,817,600 for other budgets (including a use of general reserves of £420,900) giving an overall position of £11,897,100 which is an increase of £1,109,100 against the original budget for 2022/23.

5-Year Financial Forecasts

The 5-year financial forecasts for 2022/23 to 2026/27 is predicting a funding shortfall by 2025/26. The fixed funding for the Opportunities Plan work came to an end in 2022/23, but given the predicted funding gap in the coming years, it is evident that a further use of council reserves will be required to continue this important work to identify further opportunities to manage the Council's financial pressures and remain resilient.

Options Considered:

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

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

Financial Forecasts (MTFS)

- (a) approves the Medium-Term Finance Strategy for the period 2022/23 to 2026/27, as set out at Appendix C to the report;
- (b) agrees to submit the updated Pay Policy, annexed to the Medium-Term Finance Strategy in Appendix C at Annex 2, to Full Council for approval;

Revenue Budgets

- (c) approves the revised 2022/23 general fund revenue budget, amounting to £10,987,300, as set out in Appendix A and B to the report; and
- (d) approves the base 2023/24 general fund revenue budget amounting to £11,897,100, as set out in Appendices A and B to the report

Reason:

The proposed budgets and capital programme will continue to support delivery of the Council's services and corporate priorities whilst taking account of the continuing financial pressures.

The Medium-Term Finance Strategy forecasts a funding shortfall by 2024/25. A further Opportunities Plan needs to be developed to address this and build in capacity for future pressures and uncertainties.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Decision No.
2400

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 9 January 2023

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Fees & Charges 2023/24
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

The report provides an update and proposals for the Council's fees and charges for the financial year 2023/24.

The report gives the Executive the opportunity to consider the Council's fees and charges for 2023/24 including approving increases in existing charges and consider new charges where applicable.

Options Considered:

Councillor Miss J Burton, Executive Member for Health and Public Protection, declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as she is a community user of the facility at Daedalus. As this interest relates specifically to fees and charges for Daedalus, and recommendation (c) asks the Executive to only note the charges, Councillor Burton remained present for the rest of the item but left the room when recommendation (c) was considered and took no part in the discussion or decision for recommendation 9(2)(c).

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

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive

- (a) approves the fees and charges for 2023/24, as set out at Appendix A to the report;
- (b) notes the fees and charges that will be reviewed by the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the Planning Committee;

- (c) notes the Solent Airport Daedalus charges at Appendix B to the report;
- (d) approves the increase for the Trade Waste fees and charges as set out at the confidential Appendix C to the report;
- (e) gives delegated authority to the Head of Streetscene to agree concessions to the Trade Waste charges at Appendix C to win business that will be of benefit to the Council; and
- (f) notes the other fees and charges at Appendix C.

Reason:

The proposed fees and charges will continue to support delivery of the Council's services and contribute to the budgets setting process for 2023/24.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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2022/23
Decision No.
2401

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 9 January 2023

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Relocation of Corporate Cabin, Solent Airport
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Maintain and extend prosperity

Purpose:
As outlined in the confidential report to the Executive.

Options Considered:
A deputation was received in respect of this item from Mr Gareth Jones.

As recommendation.

Decision:
RESOLVED that the Executive agrees the recommendation as set out in the confidential report.

Reason:
As outlined in the confidential report to the Executive.

Confirmed as a true record:
Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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