

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2022/23
Decision No.
2428

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 3 April 2023

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Voluntary Community Support Services
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

To review the current support that the Council funds for the voluntary sector, consider alternative means of support that is available across the Borough and propose a new approach to securing this valued support for the period 2023-2026.

Fareham Borough Council recognises the tremendous value of the voluntary sector throughout the Borough. To ensure local charities and voluntary organisations are thriving to the best of their abilities, the Council funds the provision of support around the 'Big 3' of governance, volunteering and funding. For the last 7 years One Community has provided this service on behalf of the Council.

One Community's current contract expires on 31 March 2023

The report reviews the support that has been provided for the voluntary sector in recent years and proposes a new approach to securing this support for the period 2023 -2026.

Options Considered:

The comments of the Leisure & Community Scrutiny panel were taken into account in considering this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves the following annual allocations and commitments for the next 3-year period:

- (a) the allocation of £7,500 from the Community Fund budget to which local charitable organisations can apply to secure their first year's membership to Action Hampshire and /or access their specialist advice around a governance issue of particular concern, with the applications for these grants being agreed by the Executive Member for Leisure and Community;

- (b) the award of a grant agreement to Communities First Wessex for £10,000 for the provision of support around securing and retaining volunteers;
- (c) the development of a new Council webpage providing clear links to support around governance, volunteering and funding for charitable organisations, with a one-off allocation of £2,000 for the development of the webpage and promotion of the new package of services; and
- (d) the allocation of £2,000 for the planning and delivery by Communities First Wessex of an annual Community Showcase event, to celebrate the local voluntary sector and encourage networking between organisations that are located within the Borough and provide a service to the residents of Fareham.

Reason:

To enable the Borough's voluntary and community sector to access support to thrive to the best of its ability.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Portfolio	Streetscene
Subject:	Award of Contract - Corporate Cleaning Services
Report of:	Head of Streetscene
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

The report considers the tenders received for the provision of cleaning services for specified Council owned buildings and designated areas of the town centre. The report recommends an award of contract for the services.

The current cleaning contract was initially due to end in April 2023. This contract was awarded in 2016 for five years with the option of a maximum of 2-year extension which has been used.

The contract includes the cleaning of buildings such as, sports pavilions, public conveniences, Portchester Crematorium public areas, multiple Housing sites and the control tower and amenity building at Solent Airport at Daedalus.

An initial invitation to tender (ITT) was issued using the Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) on the Crown Commercial Services Building Cleaning Service framework (RM6130). However, the tender submissions received failed to return a tender within the Council's budget limit. Therefore, the existing contract was extended for 6 months to allow a second procurement exercise to be completed.

A second ITT was advertised in January 2023 via the Council's e-tendering solution "Pro-Contract" using the South East Business Portal (SEBP).

Two contractors submitted tenders by the deadline of 03 March 2023. One of the submitted tenders was rejected as it exceeded the published budget cap. The evaluation panel scored the remaining valid tender, which achieved the objective minimum requirements as laid out in the tended documentation.

The new contract will now commence in October 2023 and run for 5 years with a possible 2-year extension option.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees to award the contract to the contractor ranker in 1st position (as set out in the confidential Appendix A to the report) being the best price quality ratio tender received.

Reason:

To provide cleaning services for Fareham Borough Council owned buildings and other site locations for a period of five years, with the option to extend by a further two years.

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Monday, 3 April 2023

Portfolio	Health and Public Protection
Subject:	Extension of Coastal Car Parking Charges
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

Following the recommendation to conduct a feasibility study into extending the coastal car parking cohort in Fareham, the report sets out the findings of the feasibility study and makes recommendations.

A review of parking services was considered by the Executive on 06 December 2022. Revised hourly parking charges and an updated approach to season ticket provision were approved for the nine coastal car parks.

At the meeting, it was requested that the feasibility of extending the coastal cohort to include a further three car parks be considered.

The three car parks considered for inclusion in the coastal car park cohort are Wicor Recreation Ground, Seafeld Park and Shearwater car park. Following completion of a full feasibility study (included at Appendix A to the report), it is considered that only Wicor Recreation Ground is appropriate for reclassification.

The recommendations proposed within the report support the need to generate income to continue to provide maintenance and enforcement activity across all Council car parks.

Options Considered:

Deputations were received from County Councillor Roger Price, local residents Stephen Potter, David Edwards, Veronica Wardman and Sarah Holmes and Trevor Deacon from AFC Portchester.

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillors H P Davis, P M Nother, Ms C Bainbridge and Mrs K K Trott addressed the Executive.

In addressing the Executive, Councillor P M Nother declared a personal interest as he lives in close proximity to the car park site.

The petition containing 1976 signatures entitled “We the undersigned petition the Council to immediately scrap the proposals to introduce parking charges at Wicor Recreation Ground in Portchester” was taken into account in considering this item.

The comments of the Health & Public Protection Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) Wicor Recreation Ground car park is reclassified as a coastal car park;
- (b) three solar powered pay-and-display machines be purchased and installed, along with appropriate signage, to support enforcement; and
- (c) AFC Portchester be offered the opportunity to purchase up to ten transferable season tickets for use by their staff, members and visitors.

Reason:

The reclassification of Wicor Recreation Ground car park as a coastal car park will provide additional income for the Council to continue to provide a good level of enforcement and car park provision across the Borough.

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Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 3 April 2023

Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Biodiversity Net Gain - Supplementary Planning Document
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; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

To seek approval to consult on a Biodiversity Net Gain Supplementary Planning Document – setting out the Council's approach to securing and implementing Biodiversity Net Gain in line with policy NE2 in the emerging Fareham Borough Local Plan 2037.

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) is a relatively new concept for development proposals that aims to leave the natural environment in a measurably better state than it was before the development took place.

The concept first appeared in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in 2012 and has been included and strengthened within subsequent reviews. The emerging Fareham Local Plan 2037, which is reaching the end of the examination process and will soon be before the Council for adoption, contains Policy NE2 Biodiversity Net Gain with which states that *'development of one or more dwellings or a new commercial/leisure building should provide at least 10% net gains for biodiversity from the existing baseline value of the site.'*

The Biodiversity Net Gain SPD will provide supplementary planning guidance to developers, planning applicants and borough residents as to how the Council will implement policy NE2 with regards to relevant planning applications in Fareham.

The document sets out the core concepts of BNG and the associated 'Biodiversity Metrics' and provides additional details as to the steps applicants need to take to submit the correct information alongside their planning applications. It also provides guidance on meeting the BNG requirements, and possible solutions when encountering issues in achieving BNG.

Options Considered:

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

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the Draft Biodiversity Net Gain Supplementary Planning Document, as set out at Appendix A to the report, for public consultation; and
- (b) delegates authority to the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Development, to make any minor amendments to the document following consideration by the Executive, prior to the consultation.

Reason:

To consult on a Biodiversity Net Gain SPD which sets out the approach taken to BNG in the Borough.

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Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Adoption of the Fareham Local Plan 2037
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Maintain and extend prosperity; Protect and enhance the environment; Providing housing choices; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

To seek endorsement and a recommendation to Council to resolve to adopt the Fareham Local Plan 2037, with the Main Modifications recommended by the Inspector and Additional Modifications.

The Fareham Borough Local Plan 2037 ('the plan') seeks to meet housing and employment needs for the borough on a range of sites whilst adopting a sound development strategy which protects important landscapes and settlement gaps. Policies within the plan aim to enhance biodiversity through development, ensure high quality design and provide housing choices through promoting the opportunity for residents to build their own homes. The plan, once adopted, would replace two parts of the extant development plan for the borough, namely Local Plan Part 1 Core Strategy and Local Plan Part 2 Development Sites and Policies. Local Plan Part 3 the Welborne Plan would not be replaced and would still form part of the development plan for the borough.

The Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State in September 2021 with a Planning Inspector appointed shortly after to conduct the examination. There are three possible findings that an Inspector can make as a result of an examination; an unsound plan, a sound plan, or recommendations to make main modifications such that the plan could be found sound. Main modifications are changes that materially affect one or more of the plan's policies.

During the examination, the Inspector requested a number of main modifications to the plan where she felt they were needed to make the plan sound. These main modifications were the subject to public consultation from 31st October until 12th December 2022 as part of the Examination process. The responses to the consultation have been shared with the Inspector as part of the examination process.

The Council received the Planning Inspector's report on 23rd March 2023 on the Local Plan which concludes the examination process (see Appendix 1). In the report, the Inspector has concluded that the Fareham Local Plan 2037 provides an appropriate basis for planning of the Borough, subject to the inclusion of the main modifications identified and consulted upon, the plan in her view is sound and capable of adoption.

Now that the examination into the plan has concluded, the Council is able to consider adopting the Fareham Local Plan 2037 in accordance with the Inspector's recommendations.

Options Considered:

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

As recommendation.

Decision:

It is recommended that the Executive notes the Planning Inspector's report on the examination of the Local Plan and recommends to Council that:

- (a) Council resolves to adopt the adoption version of the Fareham Local Plan 2037 (see Appendix 2) which incorporates:
 - the Main Modifications recommended by the Inspector (as set out in Appendix 1), and
 - the Additional Modifications (see Appendix 3 Part 1), and a list of further minor changes since October 2022 (see Appendix 3 Part 2);
- (b) Council adopts the Policies Map as set out in Appendix 4;
- (c) the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Development, be authorised to publish and circulate in accordance with the statutory requirements, an Adoption Notice, a Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement (see Appendix 5) and the adopted version of the Fareham Local Plan 2037, as soon as reasonably practicable after adoption.

Reason:

To conclude the examination and adopt the Fareham Local Plan 2037.

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2432

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Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Stronger Performance of Local Planning Authorities supported through an increase in Planning Fees - Planning Consultation
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Protect and enhance the environment

Purpose:

To provide the Executive with an overview of the proposals contained within the consultation on the stronger performance of local planning authorities through an increase in planning fees, and to seek approval for the submission of the consultation response, at Appendix A.

The Government has launched a consultation entitled 'Stronger Performance of Local Planning Authorities supported through an increase in Planning Fees'. The consultation invites comments on proposals to increase planning application fees; how Local Authority capacity and capability in Development Management can be made more robust; future measures for assessing the performance of the Development Management service within Councils.

The consultation closes on 25 April 2023 and the report considers the implications of the proposals for this Council.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) considered the content of the report and approves the suggested approach to the Council's response set out at Appendix A to the report; and
- (b) delegates authority for the final consultation response to the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Development.

Reason:

To respond to the Government's consultation on Stronger Performance of Local Planning Authorities supported through an increase in Planning Fees, expressing the views of the Council.

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Infrastructure Upgrade - Daedalus
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Maintain and extend prosperity

Purpose:
As detailed in the confidential report.

Options Considered:
As outlined in the recommendation in the confidential report.

Decision:
RESOLVED that the Executive approves the budget as outlined in the confidential report.

Reason:
As outlined in the confidential report.

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Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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