

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2023/24
Decision No.
2470

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 18 September 2023

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Osborn Road Multi Storey car park
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Maintain and extend prosperity

Purpose:

To provide details on a revised scheme for the demolition of the existing multi storey car park and construction of a new surface car park and seek approval for an increased project budget.

The detailed design process has resulted in necessary revisions to the original scheme, notably in relation to drainage and highways. Electric vehicle charging provision is to be included with the scheme, but the opportunity to install solar photovoltaic canopies has been reviewed but discounted at this time. Additionally, it is advised that construction costs have risen significantly over the last 18 months.

Given the detailed design revisions and based on the tenders received, the scheme is not achievable within the previously approved budget and therefore an increased project budget is required for the final scheme to proceed.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves an increased budget of £2.5 million.

Reason:

To support the regeneration of Fareham town centre and to be a key driver of further development and investment.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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2471

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Monday, 18 September 2023

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Opportunities Plan Development Update
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

To provide an update on the development of the Council's Opportunities Plan and confirm the projects to be undertaken during 2023/24, whilst seeking approval for a revenue budget, funded from general fund reserves where necessary, to support implementation of the plan.

The Council has a long history of prudent financial management and of responding to fiscal challenges whilst continuing to provide a wide range of customer focussed services.

The latest Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) was presented at the 09 January 2023 Executive meeting. This predicted a funding shortfall of around £401,000 in 2023/24 rising to £2,400,000 by 2026/27.

The Executive report identified the need for a further Opportunities Plan to address the budget shortfalls and build in capacity for future pressures and uncertainties, with the aim of ensuring continued service provision across the Council.

A holistic cross Council approach that balances the use of the levers available to us has been used in developing a proposed Opportunities Plan for 2023/24. This process has involved project ideas from staff at all levels alongside feedback from Members.

The report presents the proposed Opportunities Plan for 2023/24. The projects contained in the Plan have the estimated potential to positively impact on the Council's budget by £556,024 in 2023/24, increasing to £950,743 in 2024/25.

To support the delivery of some projects a revenue budget of £100,000 is proposed, which will be funded from the general fund reserves where necessary.

Members will have continued oversight of the progress of the plan through updates to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel every 6 months, as well as annual

updates to the remaining Scrutiny Panel and Committee meetings.

Options Considered:

That the Executive considered references (iii) and (iv) received from Councillor S Bayford on behalf of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel and the representation received from Councillor C Bainbridge.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves:

- (a) the draft Opportunities Plan for 2023/24, as set out in Appendix A to the report;
- (b) a revenue budget of £100,000 to be allocated from general fund reserves to support the delivery of the plan; and
- (c) the proposed governance arrangements for the plan.

Reason:

To ensure that the Council remains financially sustainable, has a balanced budget for 2023/24 and can continue to provide services across the organisation.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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2473

Record of Decision by Executive

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Irrecoverable Debts
Report of:	Assistant 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.

The confidential 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 the 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.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

Monday, 18 September 2023

