

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING SUMMONS

Members of Fareham Borough Council are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham, on **THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2023**, commencing at **6.00 pm**.

The Mayor: Councillor Fred Birkett

The Deputy Mayor: Councillor Pal Hayre

Councillor Chrissie Bainbridge

Councillor Ian Bastable

Councillor Susan Bayford

Councillor Roger Bird

Councillor Pamela Bryant

Councillor Frair Burgess

Councillor Joanne Burton

Councillor Louise Clubley

Councillor Malcolm Daniells

Councillor Harry Davis

Councillor Steve Dugan

Councillor Tina Ellis

Councillor Jack Englefield

Councillor David Foot

Councillor Michael Ford, JP

Councillor Nick Gregory

Councillor David Hamilton

Councillor Tiffany Harper

Councillor Connie Hockley

Councillor Stephen Ingram

Councillor Kay Mandry

Councillor Simon Martin

Councillor Jacquie Needham

Councillor Paul Nother

Councillor Sarah Pankhurst

Councillor Katrina Trott

Councillor Nick Walker

Councillor Mrs Susan Walker

Councillor Seán Woodward



1. Prayers

The meeting will commence with a short service of prayers.

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Minutes (Pages 5 - 16)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 October 2023.

4. Mayor's Announcements

5. Executive Leader's Announcements

6. Executive Members' Announcements

7. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest from members in accordance with Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct.

8. Presentation of Petitions

To receive any petitions presented by a member of the Council.

Note: any petition so presented will be dealt with in accordance with the Council's petition scheme.

9. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been given.

10. Reports of the Executive

To receive, consider and answer questions on reports and recommendations of the Executive. Minutes of the meetings of the Executive and a schedule of individual Executive member decisions are appended.

(1) Minutes of meeting Monday 11 December 2023 of Executive

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on Monday 11 December 2023 will be tabled at the meeting.

(2) Schedule of Individual Executive Member and Officer Delegated Decisions
(Pages 17 - 18)

11. Reports of Other Committees

To receive the minutes of the following Committees and to consider and answer questions on any reports and recommendations made.

- (1) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 15 November 2023 of Planning Committee (Pages 19 - 26)
- (2) Minutes of meeting Monday, 27 November 2023 of Audit and Governance Committee (Pages 27 - 30)

12. Reports of the Scrutiny Panels

To receive, consider and answer questions on reports and recommendations of the meetings of the Scrutiny Panels.

- (1) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 1 November 2023 of Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel (Pages 31 - 34)
- (2) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 14 November 2023 of Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel (Pages 35 - 38)
- (3) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 16 November 2023 of Streetscene Scrutiny Panel (Pages 39 - 42)

13. Questions under Standing Order 2.12

To answer questions pursuant to Standing Order 2.12 for this meeting.

14. Motions under Standing Order 2.6

Members will be informed, prior to the meeting, of any motion duly notified in accordance with Standing Order 2.6 but received after print and dispatch of the agenda.

- (1) Notice of Motion dated 23 November 2023 received from Councillor Mrs K K Trott. (Pages 43 - 44)
The Motion submitted by Councillor Mrs K K Trott in respect of Prostate Cancer UK's 'Bins for Boys' campaign is attached at Appendix A.
- (2) Notice of Motion dated 26 November 2023 received from Councillor Mrs C Bainbridge (Pages 45 - 46)
The Motion submitted by Councillor Mrs C Bainbridge in respect of the Climate and Ecology Bill is attached at Appendix B.

15. Appointments to Committees

To make any changes in appointments to the seats on committees in accordance with the wishes of political groups. Such appointments will take effect from 15 December 2023.



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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council

Date: Thursday, 26 October 2023

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

F Birkett
(Mayor)

(Deputy Mayor)

Councillors: Ms C Bainbridge, I Bastable, Mrs S M Bayford, R Bird, Mrs P M Bryant, Ms F Burgess, Miss J Burton, Mrs L E Clubley, M R Daniells, H P Davis, S Dugan, Mrs T L Ellis, J M Englefield, M J Ford, JP, N R Gregory, D J Hamilton, Miss T G Harper, Mrs C L A Hockley, S Ingram, Mrs K Mandry, S D Martin, Mrs J Needham, P Nother, Ms S Pankhurst, Mrs K K Trott, N J Walker, Mrs S M Walker and S D T Woodward



1. PRAYERS

The meeting commenced with a short service of prayers.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Foot and Mrs P Hayre.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 July 2023.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that he was very pleased to hold a special horse racing event on the 13th October at Portchester Parish Hall. The event was in aid of the Mayor's charities – Sophie's Legacy and Veterans Outreach Support. The event included an opportunity to sponsor a horse for each race and to have a flutter on the potential winners.

The Mayor announced that he also held 2 charity tea parties recently. The first was held on the 14th September where there was a guest speaker on the Craft of Glass Fusion. The second took place on 12th October with a guest speak on the Emergency 'Blood Bikers'. Both were very enjoyable events.

The Mayor further announced that he will be holding two further tea parties before the end of this year. One will be held on the 9th November at 2.30pm in the Council Chamber which will include a talk on English Sparkling Wine by the Fareham Wine Cellar and one on the 7th December which will include a talk on Christmas floral decorations. Tickets are £5 each.

5. EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Executive Leader made the following announcement:

"Three years ago, in discussion with my family, I decided that the Hampshire County Council election in 2021 and the Fareham Borough Council election in 2022 would be my last.

So, after 38 years as a local Councillor, and 25 years as Leader of Fareham Borough Council – that is half of the time that the Borough of Fareham has been in existence - I will be retiring.

With an all-out election due next year as a result of the boundary changes, this feels like a natural end point and the right time for me to bow out and take back control of my life. This while I am still of an age where I can do some things for myself and my family without being tied to the diary that I have for the last four decades.

I am immensely proud of everything we have achieved under my watch, especially those projects that will benefit people for many, many years into the future. Just a few examples:

- Daedalus has been transformed since we took ownership in 2015 and of course Solent Airport is literally flying with many hundreds of new jobs on the business parks.
- The fantastic refurbishment of Fareham Leisure Centre and the addition of a new leisure centre at Holly Hill.
- Many new parks including Abbey Meadows and the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Park with its new Daedalus landmark!
- New community centres at Whiteley, Portchester and Burr ridge.
- Making Welborne happen – it would never have got off the ground if it wasn't for the huge amount of work we put in to get the land ownership and infrastructure funding sorted.
- And of course, more recently, Fareham Live has literally transformed the skyline of Osborn Road which will be further changed forever once the Osborn Road Car Park is demolished.
- And finally, the Council has purchased Fareham Shopping Centre and that gives everyone such a huge opportunity for a really meaningful regeneration of our town centre.

Away from the really big projects, I actually got into politics because I felt I could make a difference. I love Fareham and believe it is a great place to live. I love Sarisbury, Burr ridge, Swanwick, Lower Swanwick, Park Gate and Whiteley having represented their residents for many years. I love the River Hamble, Holly Hill and Coldeast Parks, Swanwick Lakes and Sarisbury Green.

I love all the groups and organisations which I have been able to help. All of the people who give so generously of their time to support clubs and societies helping the young and the not so young, the poor and the dispossessed. Those that have hit hard times through no fault of their own. They all make our area so special, and I thank them for the inspiration they have given me to go on.

And throughout everything, I have never lost sight of the most important thing – serving the people who have chosen to elect me in 15 separate elections, sometimes with 80% of the vote. I know that doesn't mean 80% are Conservatives. Far from it. Many people have said to me over many years that they vote for me despite the blue rosette, not because of it. It is, they say, for what I do in the local area to help people with the issues that are important to them. And that really is the most important thing for any Councillor. Never forget the grassroots!

Also – really importantly - support your officers. Fareham is blessed to have some of the hardest working, talented and dedicated staff without whose

support no Council, Council Leader or Councillors could ever deliver great services at the lowest cost, plus ambitious projects to lift the area.

Finally, I'd like to add that of course all of the foregoing does not mean that anything will change right now. I will continue to have my foot flat to the floor as always, pedal to the metal, right to May when I end my time as Councillor for Sarisbury and Leader of this Council. There remains much to do, and I am now in even more of a hurry than usual to get it done!"

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillors Martin, Englefield, Mrs Hockley, Mrs Trott, Ford, Mrs Bryant, Mrs Bayford, Mrs Walker, N Walker, Ms Burton, Mrs Ellis, Bastable and the Mayor addressed the Council in response to the Executive Leader's announcement. All Members expressed their thanks to the Executive Leader for his significant years of service.

6. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Member for Planning and Development

Coastal Landfill

The Executive Member announced that he was recently appointed to the role of Member Champion for the Local Government Association Special Interest Group Member Champion on the Coastal Landfill working Group.

The Executive Member advised that this is an important role in terms of helping to lobby for change into central government and to highlight the challenges being collectively faced by Local Authorities across the country. The Executive Member stated that his 40 years' experience in environmental and waste management together with the significant challenges the Council has at two coastal landfill sites within the Borough contributed to this appointment. The Executive Member was hopeful that he may be able to influence future funding opportunities for the Borough where the Council is currently leading studies to develop coastal defence options to protect coastal landfill from flooding and erosion.

Nutrients

The Executive Member announced that, as members may be aware, the proposal to relax nutrient neutrality requirements for homebuilders and address pollution at source is no longer being brought forward within the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill. This can be seen as a positive for the many mitigation schemes in South Hampshire which are delivering multiple benefits for nature and local communities.

The Executive Member stated that the nutrients entering our waterways from development is a small proportion compared to other industries such as agriculture and it is right that wastewater companies should be tasked with doing better to clean up our rivers and seas by reducing sewage overflows and processing our wastewater properly.

With regard to Southern Water, the Executive Member advised that an assessment of recorded stormwater releases has been made where they have been judged to have impacted the water quality at Hill Head designated

bathing site (the only recorded designated bathing site in Fareham where Southern Water report the impact of stormwater releases on).

The Executive Member further advised that from 01 January 2023 till 22 October 2023, there have been a total of 16 stormwater release events recorded which have been judged to have impacted the water quality at Hill Head bathing site. The total duration of all these release events was 508 hours and 9 minutes of stormwater being released.

The Executive Member stated that water companies have a responsibility to manage pollution and assist in the control of nitrate neutrality and the Council hopes to play its part for a more considered and comprehensive solution to tackle the issue fairly and effectively.

Biodiversity Net Gain

The Executive Member announced that earlier this month, the Government issued an updated timeline for the introduction of mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain measures for the English planning system. Major developments will be required to deliver a 10% Biodiversity Net Gain from January 2024 with small sites from April 2024. The relevant guidance and regulations are all to be published by the end of November to support this timeframe.

The Executive Member stated that, as members may be aware, the Council has a biodiversity net gain policy within its recently adopted Local Plan and that this has a wider reach than the mandatory BNG to be introduced in January. Officers in the planning service have been working to implement this policy since the plan was adopted and the Council is in an excellent position to support developers in the planning process to deliver mandatory BNG. This brings wide ranging benefits to Fareham residents as significant new habitats will be created improving the environment across the borough.

Letter from the Secretary of State – Long Term Plan for Housing

The Executive Member announced that, in early September, DLUHC issued a letter setting out the role of local government in delivering the Government's long-term plan for housing.

The Executive Member stated that, whilst the Council has a recently adopted and up-to date Local Plan, the government is looking to introduce reforms to how local plans are made. The key being a 30-month timeline to produce a plan. Consultation closed on the 18th of October on the more technical details of how this would work and the Executive Member advised that he would keep members up to date as details emerge and how it will affect the Council's Local Plan.

The Executive Member advised that an updated National Planning and Policy Framework is intended to be published in the autumn, after consultation starting in December last year. This is expected to remove the requirement for planning authorities with an up-to-date plan (less than 5 years old) to continually demonstrate a deliverable 5-year housing land supply.

Finally, the Executive Member stated that, to address capacity and capability, the Government has announced:

- An increase to national planning fees.
35% for major applications and 25% for all other application types.
- New funding of £24m available in two rounds over two years from a Planning Skills Delivery Fund.

Authorities can bid for up to £100,000 in each round and the Council has put in a bid for first round funding to support the planning service in delivering town centre regeneration. Results are expected in late October.

Self and Custom Build SPD

The Executive Member announced that, as part of the implementation of the Local Plan, the Council recently adopted the Self and Custom Build SPD at the Executive meeting held on 9 October. This follows on from public consultation earlier in the year. The SPD provides further detail and support on how to deliver self and custom build plots as part of larger development sites.

Executive Member for Streetscene

Waste and Recycling

The Executive Member announced that it would not have escaped members notice that the national government has been developing its position on environmental matters, and household waste recycling, in particular following recent political events and the consultation on the 2021 Environment Act. The Executive member stated that of particular note in this Act, is the requirement for Councils to be able to process six recyclable waste streams.

The Executive Member advised that he has been engaged in an exchange of letters with the Minister responsible, Rebecca Pow, in order to find a solution that is acceptable to the residents of Fareham. Recently Defra published its "Simpler Recycling Reforms" which Ms Pow had assured the Executive Member in face to face discussions, would provide Fareham with the flexibility it needs to implement a recycling regime that is appropriate to the Council's circumstances.

The Executive Member stated that, having read this publication, he remained disappointed that Fareham will be forced to provide separate food waste bins to households, purchase a new fleet of collection vehicles to collect this food waste, and then find a distant anaerobic digestion processor to turn it into methane, slurry and waste bricks. The Executive Member further stated that he accepted that this is better for the environment than sending food waste to land fill. However, he intended to continue to engage with the minister in an attempt to understand why Fareham's current practice of collecting food waste with the rubbish and sending it the short distance to Portsmouth to be turned into energy is not better for the environment. The Executive Member advised that he would keep the Council apprised of the discussions but doubted that he would succeed in being permitted by government to have this better outcome for Fareham and wider the environment.

South and South East in Bloom

The Executive Member advised that that he was delighted to be able to represent the Council at the South and South East in Bloom awards held recently at RHS Wisley. The Executive Member stated that it always amazes

him how well Fareham does at these highly contested awards. Fareham's Abbey Meadows was a first time entry and although only just starting to establish itself won a Silver Gilt award in the Large Conservation Area category. Holly Hill won a Silver Gilt award. Changes will be made there in the near future to bring it back up to the Gold Standard that it has achieved many times before. The Executive Member further advised that the quality of Fareham's formal gardens at the Sensory Garden and Westbury Manor Garden were also recognised with Gold Awards. As was Coldeast Conservation Area.

The Executive Member put forward his congratulations to the volunteer groups and council officers on their achievements, not for just winning these awards but for making the borough the great place that it is - especially those involved in Warsash Common and Portchester Common, both Gold Category winners.

The Executive Member announced that Fareham even has winners from local residents "The Burnham Wood Residents" who had entered directly and received a level 4 out of 5. The Executive Member stated that he was sure that he expressed all Members thoughts when he put forward his thanks to those involved for their efforts at keeping Fareham bright and green.

Executive Member for Health and Public Protection

The Executive Member for Health and Public Protection announced that the Council has been successful in securing the following two funding streams from the Police and Crime Commissioner:

Right Choice

The Council was successful in obtaining an award of £20,000. Right Choice is a programme being delivered in partnership with Motiv8 and the Police and is tasked via the monthly Partnership Action Group (PAG).

The funding comes from the Violence Reduction Unit grant funding pot which will work with young people on a 121 basis to keep them out of the criminal justice system through mentoring and diversion.

There will be close links with the Youth Offending Team (YOT) and Youth Crime Prevention (YCP). This programme will also bring in social services, mental health support, substance misuse support, schools and parents.

The Gillies CCTV - £20,768.12

The Council was successful in obtaining £20,768.12 from the Commissioner's ASB Task Force funding pot. This will enable three CCTV cameras to be located at The Gillies.

A CCTV camera is already in place at the entrance to the open space from the subway near Aldi. This will be moved to a stand-alone mast. The other two will be located at the entrance pathways from Briarwood Close and Redlands Lane.

Two deployable cameras have also been procured. The works are anticipated to commence mid-November.

The Executive Member stated that she would be chairing a review meeting tomorrow to hear views from residents and that she would like to thank and congratulate the officers involved for their work and successful achievements.

Executive Member for Leisure and Community

Christmas lights switch-on

The Executive Member announced that Fareham's 'Golden' Christmas lights switch on event is taking place on Saturday 18 November from 10am-7pm along the pedestrianised area of West Street and that that we are hoping for good weather and a fantastic turn out.

The Executive Member stated that the new lights tie in beautifully with this year's golden theme, which will usher in a year-long celebration marking the 50th anniversary of Fareham being officially granted Borough status in 1974. This theme will continue across Council events and activities throughout 2024.

The Executive Member advised that the switch on event will include market stalls, festive food and drink, funfair rides, free children's activities, street and stage performers, activity at Westbury Manor, Fareham College performers stage and the grand finale when the lights are switched on at 5:30pm by The Mayor and his young helper.

The Executive Member was pleased to report that a number of businesses have sponsored the event this year including:

- Toob (broadband provider), who are sponsoring Father Christmas (£170)
- M Coghlan Funeral Directors, who are sponsoring the Christmas tree outside Westbury Manor Museum (£750)
- Snows Toyota, who are sponsoring the podium Christmas Tree (£750)
- Fareham Shopping Centre, who are sponsoring the Golden Christmas trail (£500)

The Executive Member put forward her thanks to officers for their hard work in obtaining this sponsorship which goes towards reducing the cost to the Council for this event.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

8. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

The Mayor announced that a petition has been received containing 355 signatures requesting that the car park in Middle Road, Park Gate be reviewed to extend the free parking period from 2 hours to 3 hours.

The Mayor advised that this petition was presented to the Executive at its meeting held on Monday 9 November at which the Executive Leader confirmed that the petition will be referred to the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel for consideration.

9. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations given at this meeting.

10. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE

(1) Minutes of meeting Monday, 18 September 2023 of Executive

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on Monday, 18 September 2023 be received.

(2) Minutes of meeting Monday, 9 October 2023 of Executive

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on Monday, 09 October 2023 be received.

(3) Schedule of Individual Executive Member & Officer Delegated Decisions

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Individual Executive Member & Officer Delegated Decisions be received.

11. REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES

(1) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 12 July 2023 of Planning Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 12 July 2023 be received.

(2) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 16 August 2023 of Planning Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 16 August 2023 be received.

(3) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 13 September 2023 of Planning Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 13 September 2023 be received.

(4) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 11 October 2023 of Planning Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 11 October 2023 be received.

(5) Minutes of meeting Monday, 4 September 2023 of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee held on Monday, 04 September 2023 be received.

- (6) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 5 October 2023 of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee held on Thursday, 05 October 2023 be received.

- (7) Minutes of meeting Monday, 25 September 2023 of Audit and Governance Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee held on Monday, 25 September 2023 be received.

12. REPORTS OF THE SCRUTINY PANELS

- (1) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 19 July 2023 of Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel held on Wednesday, 19 July 2023 be received.

- (2) Minutes of meeting Monday, 18 September 2023 of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel held on Monday, 18 September 2023 be received.

- (3) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 28 September 2023 of Housing Scrutiny Panel

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Scrutiny Panel held on Thursday, 28 September 2023 be received.

- (4) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 3 October 2023 of Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel held on Tuesday, 03 October 2023 be received.

13. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 2.12

There were no questions submitted for this meeting.

14. MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 2.6

There were no motions submitted for this meeting.

15. ANNUAL REVIEW OF CORPORATE STRATEGY 2017-2023

The Council received a report by the Assistant Director (Democracy) which set out the updated Corporate Strategy 2017-2023 for adoption.

RESOLVED that the Council:

- (a) notes the results of the annual review of the Corporate Strategy; and
- (b) approves the updates to the Corporate Strategy 2017-2023, as set out in the report.

16. ADOPTION OF CORPORATE STRATEGY 2023-2029

The Council received a report by the Assistant Director (Democracy) which presented the Corporate Strategy 2023-2029 for adoption.

RESOLVED that the Council:

- (a) notes the outcomes of the public consultation; and
- (b) agrees the adoption of the Corporate Strategy 2023-2029, as attached at Appendix A to the report.

17. CREATION OF A COUNCIL EMPLOYMENT SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR

The Council received a report by the Assistant Chief Executive Officer inviting members to consider the creation of an employment sub-committee to act as an Appointment Panel to select and appoint a new Director of Neighbourhoods.

Having been duly proposed by Councillor S D T Woodward and seconded by Councillor S D Martin, the recommendations contained in the report were agreed.

The Executive Leader confirmed that the Sub-Committee membership would be Councillors I J Bastable, Ms J Burton, Mrs K K Trott and S D T Woodward.

RESOLVED that the Council agrees:

- (a) to create an Employment Sub-Committee to act as an appointment Panel to consist of Councillors S D T Woodward, I J Bastable, Ms J Burton and Mrs K K Trott;
- (b) that the Sub-Committee meets at times and dates to suit the recruitment process, as advised by the Assistant Chief Executive Officer;
- (c) that the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Assistant Chief Executive Officer, presents the short-listed applicants to the Sub-Committee to conduct interviews;
- (d) subject to the agreement of (a) to (c) above, that following the short-listing and interview process, the Sub-Committee selects the most suitable applicant for appointment and nominates a second-place applicant in the event that the first-choice applicant does not accept the post.

18. SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2024/25

RESOLVED that the Council:

- (a) approves the proposed Schedule of Council, Committee and Panel meetings for the municipal year 2024/25, as set out at Appendix A to the report; and
- (b) notes the dates for the Partnership for South Hampshire Joint Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committee are provisional until approved by the Joint Committee at its meeting in December 2023.

19. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

- (1) Fareham Welfare Trust

RESOLVED that, having been duly proposed and seconded, Councillor S Ingram be appointed to the Fareham Welfare Board of Trustees as a Council appointed Trustee.

20. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

There were no changes to the appointments to Committees.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.01 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER & OFFICER DELEGATED DECISIONS

The following decisions have been made by individual Executive Members since those reported at the meeting of Council on 26 October 2023

Leisure & Community – 15 November 2023	Decision No. 2023/24 - 2487
Community Fund Application – Lockwood Community and Sports Association	
RESOLVED that the application be approved.	

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 15 November 2023

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor N J Walker (Chairman)

Councillor I Bastable (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Miss J Burton, M J Ford, JP, Mrs C L A Hockley, S Ingram, P Nother, Mrs S M Walker and S Dugan (deputising for D G Foot)

Also Present: Councillor Mrs P Hayre (Item 6(1)) and Councillor Mrs J Needham (Item 6(1))



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor D G Foot and Councillor M J Ford, JP (who confirmed that he would join the meeting but would not be there for the first item).

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 11 October 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements made at this meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

The Committee received a deputation from the following in respect of the applications indicated and were thanked accordingly.

Name	Spokesperson representing the persons listed	Subject	Supporting or Opposing the Application	Minute No/ Application No/Page No	Dep Type
ZONE 1 – 2.30pm					
ZONE 2 – 2.30pm					
ZONE 3 – 2.30pm					
Mr Andy Pomfrett		LAND EAST OF CROFTON CEMETERY AND WEST OF PEAK LANE STUBBINGTON – DEED OF VARIATION TO SECTION 106 UNILATERAL	Opposing	6(1) Q/0826/23 Pg 19	Written

		UNDERTAKING DATED 10 NOVEMBER 2021 REGARDING APPLICATION P/20/0522/FP, RELATING TO TEMPORARY ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS TO ENABLE OCCUPATION OF DWELLINGS IN ADVANCE OF COMPLETION OF MAIN SITE ACCESS ROAD FROM PEAK LANE			
Mr Paul Bulgari		-DITTO-	-Ditto-	-Ditto-	Written
Mr Andy Barron		-DITTO-	Supporting	-Ditto-	In Person (3 mins)
Mr Tom Stocker (Agent)		LAND AT FARADAY BUSINESS PARK DAEDALUS DRIVE LEE-ON-THE-SOLENT – SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING CENTRE WITH ACCESS, PARKING, LANDSCAPING AND OTHER ASSOCIATED WORKS	Supporting	6(2) P/23/1155/FP Pg 23	In Person (3 mins)

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS INCLUDING AN UPDATE ON PLANNING APPEALS

The Committee noted a report by the Director of Planning and Regeneration on the development control matters, including information on new appeals and decisions.

(1) Q/0826/23 - LAND EAST OF CROFTON CEMETERY AND WEST OF PEAK LANE STUBBINGTON

The Committee received the deputations referred to in Minute 5 above.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs J Needham addressed the Committee on this item.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs P Hayre addressed the Committee on this item.

Upon being proposed and seconded the officer recommendation to authorise a deed of variation to the legal agreement to enable the provision of the temporary access arrangements in accordance with the advice of the Highway Authority into the site for residents and the occupation of no more than 30 dwellings on site until the primary access road from Peak Lane is constructed and completed, was voted on and CARRIED.

(Voting: 8 in favour; 0 against)

RESOLVED that the deed of variation to the legal agreement to enable the provision of the temporary access arrangements in accordance with the advice of the Highway Authority into the site for residents and the occupation of no more than 30 dwellings on site until the primary access road from Peak Lane is constructed and completed be APPROVED.

(2) P/23/1155/FP - LAND AT FARADAY BUSINESS PARK DAEDALUS DRIVE FAREHAM

(Councillor M J Ford, JP joined the meeting at the start of this item and was present for the whole of the item).

The Committee received the deputation referred to in Minute 5 above.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the Update Report which contained the following information: -

Amend Paragraph 9.3 to state:

DELEGATE authority to the Head of Planning to:

- (a) Make any necessary modification, deletion or addition to the proposed conditions or heads of terms for the section 106 legal agreements; and*
- (b) Make any necessary changes arising out of detailed negotiations with the applicant which may necessitate the variation, addition or deletion of the conditions and heads of terms as drafted to ensure consistency between the two sets of provisions.*

Amend Conditions 4 and 16

Following receipt of an intrusive ground survey report and further consideration by the Council's Contaminated Land Officer, the prior commencement intrusive survey is no longer required, and Conditions 4 and 16 amended to the following:

Development shall cease on site if, during any stage of the works, unexpected ground conditions or materials which suggest potential contamination are encountered. Works shall not recommence before an investigation and risk assessment of the identified ground conditions have been undertaken and details of the findings, along with a detailed remedial scheme, if required, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: To ensure any potential contamination found during construction is properly taken into account and remediated where required.

Delete Conditions 6 and 7

These conditions relate to the submission of a Written Scheme of Investigations for archaeology for the element of the application relating to Phase 1, access road and was based on the consultation response from the County Archaeologist which cover the whole site. Following further consideration of the phasing of the development, the County Archaeologist is content that the level of risk to any archaeology below the already tarmacked access road would be negligible to warrant the removal of the requirements to undertake archaeological assessments of this part of the site.

The archaeological assessment Condition relating to the main application site (building etc) remains.

The Planning Officer also provided the following Verbal Update:

Since the publication of the report the no objections to the application has been received from the Lead Local Flood Authority.

Upon being proposed and seconded the officer recommendation to:

- (i) GRANT planning permission, subject to: -
 - (i) Consideration of the following:
 - i) Any comments of Hampshire County Council (Highways);
 - ii) Any comments received from Natural England in response to the Council's Appropriate Assessment;
 - iii) Any comments received from the Solent Airport Manager; and
 - iv) Any conditions, additional conditions or modification to the proposed conditions, any of the Consultees may recommend;
 - (ii) The completion of legal undertakings pursuant to Section 106 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990, on terms to the satisfaction of the solicitor to the Council, relating to:
 - Securing the use of suitable land for off-site Biodiversity Net Gain provision;
 - Securing the use of the site at Mill Lane, Titchfield as compensatory habitat for the partial loss of the Secondary Support Area (F13A) of the Solent Waders and Brent Geese network; and
 - Securing the provision and implementation and monitoring of a Travel Plan
 - (iii) The Conditions in the report;

- (iv) The amended conditions 4 and 16 as set out in the Update Report; and
- (v) The deletion of conditions 6 and 7 of the Update Report.

Then

- (ii) DELEGATE authority to the Head of Planning to:
 - (a) Make any necessary modification, deletion or addition to the proposed conditions or heads of terms for the section 106 legal agreements; and
 - (b) Make any necessary changes arising out of detailed negotiations with the applicant which may necessitate the variation, addition or deletion of the conditions and heads of terms as drafted to ensure consistency between the two sets of provisions.

Was voted on and CARRIED.

(Voting: 9 in favour; 0 against)

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) PLANNING PERMISSION be granted, subject to: -
 - (i) Consideration of the following:
 - i) Any comments of Hampshire County Council (Highways);
 - ii) Any comments received from Natural England in response to the Council's Appropriate Assessment;
 - iii) Any comments received from the Solent Airport Manager; and
 - iv) Any conditions, additional conditions or modification to the proposed conditions, any of the Consultees may recommend;
 - (ii) The completion of legal undertakings pursuant to Section 106 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990, on terms to the satisfaction of the solicitor to the Council, relating to:
 - Securing the use of suitable land for off-site Biodiversity Net Gain provision;
 - Securing the use of the site at Mill Lane, Titchfield as compensatory habitat for the partial loss of the Secondary Support Area (F13A) of the Solent Waders and Brent Geese network; and
 - Securing the provision and implementation and monitoring of a Travel Plan
 - (iii) The Conditions in the report;
 - (iv) The amended conditions 4 and 16 as set out in the Update Report; and

- (v) The deletion of conditions 6 and 7 of the Update Report.

Then

- (ii) AUTHORITY BE DELEGATED to the Head of Planning to:
 - (a) Make any necessary modification, deletion or addition to the proposed conditions or heads of terms for the section 106 legal agreements; and
 - (b) Make any necessary changes arising out of detailed negotiations with the applicant which may necessitate the variation, addition or deletion of the conditions and heads of terms as drafted to ensure consistency between the two sets of provisions.

(3) Planning Appeals

The Committee noted the information in the report.

(4) UPDATE REPORT

The Update Report circulated prior to the meeting and was considered along with the relevant agenda item.

(The meeting started at 2.30 pm
and ended at 3.37 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Monday, 27 November 2023

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Ms F Burgess (Chairman)

Councillor R Bird (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs T L Ellis, N R Gregory, D J Hamilton and S D Martin

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES

An apology of absence was received from Councillor H P Davis.

2. MINUTES

The Chairman addressed the Committee to confirm that the Pension Scheme training that was requested by Members at the last meeting had taken place prior to this meeting. The Chairman extended thanks to Neil Wood, Finance Manager for delivering a very useful and informative training session.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee meeting held on 25 September 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcement –

Members may be aware that we have an overdue report covering the external certification work on the benefits subsidy claim for 2021/22.

Members may remember that Ernst and Young LLP have stepped in to do this work when KPMG pulled out of the contract and we received no interest from firms in 2 rounds of procurement.

The value of the subsidy claim for 2021/22 is approximately £13.5M. I have been given assurance that the external certification work is now mainly complete and we have received a draft report with the initial findings which are not significant. However, the full process is currently undergoing EY's internal management review process and so cannot be relied upon at this point in time.

Ernst and Young LLP have also agreed to carry out the work on the benefits subsidy claim for 2022/23 and this work, is expected to start shortly.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were received at this meeting.

6. EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE

The Committee received a verbal update from Ben Lazarus, the Council's new account manager at Ernst & Young LLP (EY), on the discussions that are on-going with regards to completing both the 2022/23 and 2023/24 audits.

With the external audit sector in a transition phase, the update provided assurances to Members that the Council is in a good place compared to other

local authorities, as the 2021/22 audit is now complete and some work has started on the 2022/23 audit. That said, the auditors are still waiting for central Government to set out clear direction on how these audits are to be delivered, which gives a challenge for EY to know how to focus their resources. Ben explained that the strong relationship with the Council Officers is very much appreciated, with discussions taking place with management to plan for the various scenarios for completing the audits. It is hoped that this planning, will put the Council in a good position once Ministers provide confirmation of a way forward.

Members commented that although reassured by the information provided, they felt it important for the 2022/23 audit to be completed, in order to understand where the Council is, particularly with regards to fraud risks and value for money.

RESOLVED that the Audit and Governance Committee note the contents of the verbal update.

7. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Committee received a report from the Finance Manager on the Treasury Management Strategy which sets out the mid-year review of the treasury management activity up to the 30 September 2023.

Members of the Committee asked questions to gain a greater understanding of the Treasury Management Strategy. The main topic of interest for Members is the effectiveness of the advice and information provided by Arlingclose, the Council's treasury management advisors. Officers confirmed that they have no concerns with the Arlingclose, reassuring Members that the contract is up for renewal so will be reviewed shortly to ensure the Council is getting the best service and value for money possible.

RESOLVED that the Audit and Governance Committee: -

- a) reviews the contents of the report; and
- b) provide comments in terms of the effectiveness of the treasury management strategy.

8. HEAD OF INTERNAL AUDITS QUARTERLY REPORT

The Committee received the latest quarterly report from the Head of Finance and Audit on the work of the Internal Audit team. Members of the Committee asked questions about the report with particular interest in the scope and findings from the home working review.

RESOLVED that the Audit and Governance Committee notes the progress and findings from the Internal Audit Work.

9. MONITORING OFFICER REPORT

The Committee received the Monitoring Officer Report from the Monitoring Officer. On this occasion the report included an update to the Deputation

Scheme, one of the Council's Financial Regulations, and the Anti- Fraud and Corruption Policy, all of which form part of the Constitution. The report also gave an update on Member Training for the next municipal year as well as the usual review of the Committee's work programme.

Members discussed various areas of the report, in particular focus was given to the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and the details regarding Cyber Fraud with cyber-attacks evolving all the time. This is a key focus for the Council to ensure work is carried out to combat these threats, which includes the use of a dedicated Cybersecurity Officer.

RESOLVED that the Audit and Governance Committee: -

- a) notes the contents of Part One of the report;
- b) passed comment on the new Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy, at Appendix B, for endorsement by Council;
- c) passed comment on the proposed revision to Financial Regulation 13.5 (Disposal of Assets), at Appendix C, for endorsement by Council; and
- d) approved the change to the deputation scheme, at Appendix D, for endorsement by Council.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 6.55 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 1 November 2023

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor M R Daniells (Chairman)

Councillor N J Walker (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Ms S Pankhurst, Mrs T L Ellis, Mrs J Needham and P Nother

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies of absence were received from the Panel.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 19 July 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made by the Chairman.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were received at this meeting.

6. AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT

The Panel received a report from the Director of Planning and Development on the Council's Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) 2022/23. Officers explained that this is the first AMR which reflects the newly adopted Local Plan.

Members asked several questions for clarification on various topics within the AMR. The information regarding flood zones was of particular interest to the Panel with concern raised about the permissions granted within flood zones. Officers reassured Members that no houses are built on flood zones, but developments sites may include flood zones which would be designated as open spaces or park land etc. Officers also clarified that the Environment Agency (EA) are responsible for defining the flood zones and they are also consulted on all developments within the Borough. Permissions would not be granted against EA advice. The Director of Planning and Regeneration suggested that, with the Panels agreement, officers look to increase the level of detail within the AMR to clarify the rationale behind permissions being granted within flood zones.

RESOLVED that the Panel note the contents of the Authority Monitoring Report at Appendix A.

7. PLANNING STRATEGY UPDATE

The Panel received a presentation from the Director of Planning and Development providing a Planning Strategy Update. The presentation included an update on the Supplementary Planning Documents and Environmental Mitigation Projects. A copy of the presentation is appended to these Minutes.

The Interim Planning Strategy Lead provided information on the expected content within the Regeneration and Levelling Up Act 2023. The final version of the act is yet to be published but officers were able to provide Members with an overview of what is likely to change and how this may impact the Planning system. A key area of focus for both Members of the Panel and officers was the potential changes to the Local Plan process. With a great deal of detail still to be finalised it remains unclear how this will impact the Council.

RESOLVED that the Panel note the contents of the presentation.

8. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Members of the Panel were asked to note the Executive decision made since the last meeting of the Panel in July, which falls under the remit of the Planning and Development Portfolio.

(1) Self and Custom Build Housing Supplementary Planning document for adoption

No comments were received.

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Panel considered the priorities for the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel.

The Director of Planning and Development addressed the Panel to advise that an item providing an update on the Welborne Delivery would be brought to the next meeting of the Panel.

RESOLVED that the Panel considered the Scrutiny Priorities.

(The meeting started at 6.02 pm
and ended at 7.10 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 14 November 2023

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: M J Ford, JP, Miss T G Harper, Mrs K K Trott and
Mrs P M Bryant (deputising for R Bird)

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors R Bird and Mrs S Bayford.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes from the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 28 June 2023 be signed and confirmed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Leigh Usher, Assistant Director (Democracy) as the newly appointment Lead Officer for the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

Councillor Mrs P Bryant declared a non-pecuniary interest at item 6 - Leisure Projects Update, as she is President of the Nomads Swimming Club, who hold classes at both the Holly Hill and Fareham Leisure Centres.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received at the meeting.

6. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY PROJECT UPDATE

Councillor Mrs P Bryant declared a non-pecuniary interest at this item as she is President of the Nomads Swimming Club.

The Panel received a report by the Assistant Director (Democracy) which provided an overview of all the current projects within the Leisure and Community Portfolio. The Leisure and Community Manager also delivered a presentation which highlighted the key areas of the report, ensuring the most up to date information was delivered to the Panel Members. The presentation is appended to these Minutes.

A slide within the presentation contained confidential information, at this point the Panel to RESOLVED to go into private session as the matter to be dealt with involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Following discussion of the confidential information, the remainder of the meeting continued in public session.

Members of the Panel asked questions for clarification on several aspects within the report and presentation. In particular, the Panel asked for more details on the timescales for the completion of the Fareham Live project. Officers explained that at this time it is isn't possible to provide a date for

completion, but they reassured Members that the project is progressing well and highlighted that the construction should be watertight within the next few weeks. It is hoped that once the construction work is complete in Spring next year and the operator take over Fareham Live, that details will quickly emerge with regards to an opening date.

The other project discussed at length was Westbury Manor Museum. Members of the Panel were unanimous in expressing their concerns about the declining footfall at the museum and financial challenges facing the Hampshire Cultural Trust who operate the museum on behalf of the Council. Officers explained that the situation is being monitored closely and further updates would be provided to the Panel as appropriate. In the meantime, and in light of the uncertain future for museum, Westbury Manor will be considered as part of the Town Centre Regeneration project.

RESOLVED that the Panel note contents of the report and supporting presentation.

7. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Assistant Director (Democracy) addressed the Panel to ask for feedback on the previous item Leisure Projects Update, as it is hoped that this will be a standard item on the Panel's agenda moving forward. Members of the Panel expressed delight at this new reporting method and confirmed that this is an excellent way of keeping Members informed on the Panel's priorities.

The Chairman suggested that an update be brought to the Panel on the Shopmobility now that this has relocated into the Shopping Centre. Officers agreed that this would be included at a future meeting.

RESOLVED that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel considered the scrutiny priorities.

8. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Panel considered the items of Executive Business.

(1) Fareham Town Centre Festive Lights Scheme - Award of Contract

No comments were received.

(2) Revision to Shopmobility Community Fund Award

No comments were received.

(3) Community Fund Application - Sarisbury and District Community Centre Association

No comments were received.

(4) Community Fund Application - Fareham Town Youth Football Club

No comments were received.

(5) Voluntary Sector Support Fund - Dementia Care Hub

No comments were received.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.22 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Date: Thursday, 16 November 2023

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Miss T G Harper (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs P Hayre (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Ms C Bainbridge, Mrs L E Clubley, J M Englefield and
Mrs K Mandry

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel held on 05 July 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that a response has been received from DEFRA to the long-awaited May 2021 consistency consultation, which forms part of the Environment Act 2021. The announcement was as follows:

Summary

All local authorities in England must collect the same recyclable waste streams for recycling or composting from households. The recyclable waste streams include paper and card, plastic, glass, metal, food waste and garden waste.

All non-household municipal premises in England (such as businesses, schools and hospitals) must make arrangements to have the same set of recyclable waste streams (with the exception of garden waste) collected for recycling or composting and must present their waste in accordance with the arrangements.

Key Implications for Waste Collection Authorities

The materials to be collected in dry recyclable waste streams are glass, metal (tins, cans, aerosols, foil, foil trays), plastic (bottles, pots, tubs and trays), paper/card and cartons for food and drinks by 31 March 2026.

Collection of recyclable plastic film is required by 31 March 2027

An exemption to the Environment Act 2021 is being proposed to allow all dry recyclables (paper, plastic, glass, metal) to be collected in one recycling bin (co-mingled) pending consultation and regulation confirmation.

Waste collection authorities in England must introduce weekly food waste collections for all households, including flats, by 31 March 2026.

Non-household municipal premises must also separately collect food waste, but they are not required to have weekly collections by 31 March 2025.

The government will provide reasonable new burdens funding to local authorities for household food waste collections. This funding will cover capital, transitional, and initial operational costs.

Waste collection authorities must collect garden waste by 31 March 2026, but they can charge for this service.

The Statutory Guidance on the amended regulations is currently out for consultation with a deadline of 20 November 2023.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

There were no items of Executive Business for consideration at this meeting.

7. DRAFT STREETSCENE SUSTAINABLE PESTICIDE USE POLICY

Councillor Mrs L E Clubley left the meeting during this item.

The Panel received a report by the Head of Streetscene which presented the draft Streetscene Sustainable Pesticide Use Policy for consideration.

During the debate on this item it was accepted by the Panel that reducing the use of glyphosate in controlling weeds is a significant challenge facing not just Fareham but other Councils as well.

The Panel was supportive of the policy but suggested that it should include targets and benchmarks so that progress and success can be measured. It was suggested that trials could be held in some areas to assess what is achievable through the proposals outlined in the policy and that this could then be used to inform the inclusion of benchmarks and targets and to help formulate a media campaign to raise awareness.

The Panel discussed the need for, and the different ways to, communicate information about dates and times when spraying will take place across the Borough so that residents can chose to avoid a particular area. It was noted however that this is sometimes operationally challenging as timetables can be affected by adverse weather conditions and resource shortages. It can also result in negative responses on social media.

In discussing the significant resources required to deliver grounds maintenance services without the use of pesticides it was suggested that local volunteer groups could be encouraged to work with the Council to help deliver this non-statutory service. Members enquired whether help and support can be made available to volunteer groups and were assured that guidance and information can be provided.

It was noted that improving, alternative options to glyphosate are likely to come onto the market over time and agreed that the Council needs to ensure that there is a continued awareness of new, sustainable treatments that become available.

RESOLVED that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel makes the comments outlined above in respect of the draft Streetscene Sustainable Use of Pesticides Policy in preparation for the adoption of the policy as a working document for the Streetscene Public Spaces Team.

8. STREETSCENE SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

Members discussed the Scrutiny Priorities for the Streetscene Panel.

It was requested and agreed that an update on Allotment Associations be added to the Scrutiny Priorities Plan.

RESOLVED that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel considered the Scrutiny Priorities.

(The meeting started at 6.01 pm
and ended at 7.10 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date

Motion to Council presented by Councillor Mrs K K Trott

" Boys need Bins".

This Council notes:

- Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men. As many as 69% of those treated with surgery may experience urinary incontinence as a result.
 - 1 in 25 men aged over 40 will experience some form of urinary leakage every year.
 - At the 2021 Fareham census there were 31,668 men over 40.
 - That 1 in 40 figure gives us 1,266. The number who will benefit, if this Motion is agreed, will be higher as we consider Fareham's population is older than 'average' and visitors would also benefit.
 - 1 in 20 men aged 60 or over will experience bowel incontinence in the UK.
- Men who need to dispose of their sanitary waste (*including incontinence pads, pouches, stoma, catheter, colostomy, ileostomy waste by-products*), often have no direct access to a sanitary bin in male toilets.
- A survey of men living with incontinence revealed that 95% feel anxiety due to a lack of sanitary bins in men's toilets for disposing of pads hygienically.
- Nearly one third of men surveyed have been forced to carry their own waste in a bag.

This Council believes:

- that men should be able to safely and hygienically dispose of incontinence products easily and with dignity wherever they go
- that men who need to dispose of their sanitary waste should have direct access to sanitary bins in male toilets.

This Council resolves :

- That the Executive Member for Streetscene should consider as soon as reasonably practicable the provision of at least one sanitary bin in all Council male toilets , both public and in Council buildings.
- To encourage other providers of public and workplace toilets in our area to make **male sanitary bins** available in their facilities.
- To support Prostate Cancer UK's '**Boys need Bins**' campaign.
- That the Executive Leader should write on behalf of the Council to our local MPs asking them to support Prostate Cancer UK's '**Boys need Bins**' campaign and their request for Government to update any necessary regulations to ensure that:
"suitable means for the disposal of sanitary dressings' is provided in all toilets."

Motion to Council presented by Councillor Mrs C Bainbridge

Climate & Ecology Bill motion

(Last Updated 20/10/23)

Preamble

Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt in the UK, and across the world. The average global temperature has already increased by 1.2°C above pre-industrial levels and—alongside this—the natural world has reached crisis point, with 28% of plants and animals threatened with extinction. In addition, the UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world as more than one in seven of our plants and animals face extinction, and more than 40% are in decline.

Climate change remains a major concern for UK voters with 66% of people (according to YouGov) expressing they are ‘worried about climate change and its effects’. Alongside this, the popularity of Sir David Attenborough’s *Save Our Wild Isles* initiative demonstrates public concern that UK wildlife is being destroyed at a terrifying speed.

Climate & Ecology Bill

The Climate & Ecology Bill, a private member’s bill currently before the House of Commons, seeks to address the challenges that this situation poses by creating a whole-of-government approach to deliver a net zero and nature positive future.

Based on the latest science, the CE Bill aims to align current UK environmental policy with the need to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030, which was goal agreed to at COP15, via the *Kunming-Montreal Framework* (22 December 2022); and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with the UK’s fair share of the remaining global carbon budget to give the strongest chance of limiting global heating to 1.5°C, which was the goal agreed to at COP21, via the *Paris Agreement* (12 December 2015).

By bridging the gap between the UK Government’s current delivery, and what has been agreed at international levels, Britain has a chance to be a world leader on climate and the environment; seizing the opportunities of the clean energy transition, including green jobs and skills; reduced energy bills; and boosting the UK’s food and energy security.

Fareham Council notes that:

The Climate and Ecology Bill has been introduced in the UK Parliament on four occasions since 2020, including most recently in the House of Commons 10 May 2023. The Bill is backed by **180** cross-party MPs and Peers, **250** local authorities, alongside the support of eminent scientists, such as Sir David King; NGOs, such as the Wildlife Trusts, the Doctors’ Association, Oxfam, the W.I. and CPRE; businesses, such as The Co-operative Bank, Riverford and The Body Shop; and 42,000 members of the public.

The CE Bill would require the UK Government to develop and achieve a new environmental strategy, which would include:

1. Delivering a joined-up environmental plan, as the crises in climate and nature are deeply intertwined, and require a plan that considers both together;

2. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with 1.5°C to ensure emissions are reduced in line with the best chance of meeting the UK's Paris Agreement obligations;
3. Not only halting, but also reversing the decline in nature, setting nature measurably on the path to recovery by 2030;
4. Taking responsibility for our overseas footprint, both emissions and ecological;
5. Prioritising nature in decision-making, and ending fossil fuel production and imports as rapidly as possible;
6. Providing for re-training for those people currently working in fossil fuel industries; and
7. Giving the British people a say in finding a fair way forward via a temporary, independent and representative *Climate & Nature Assembly*, as part of creating consensus and ensuring that no one and no community is left behind.

Fareham Council therefore resolves to:

1. Support the Climate and Ecology Bill;
2. Inform local residents and inform local press/media of this decision;
3. Write to **Suella Braverman MP** to inform them that this motion has been passed, and urge them to sign up to support the CE Bill—or thank them for already doing so;
4. Write to Zero Hour, the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the CE Bill, expressing Fareham Councils support (councils@zerohour.uk).