

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA

HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY PANEL

Date: Tuesday, 20 June 2023

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Members:

Councillor M J Ford, JP (Chairman)

Councillor Ms S Pankhurst (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs P M Bryant
Mrs T L Ellis
Miss T G Harper
Mrs J Needham
Mrs K K Trott

Deputies: D J Hamilton
S Ingram



1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel held on 29 March 2023.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest and Disclosures or Advice or Directions

To receive any declarations of interest from members in accordance with Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct and disclosures of advice or directions received from Group Leaders or Political Groups, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been lodged.

6. Executive Business (Pages 11 - 12)

To consider any items of business dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel, that falls under the remit of the Health and Public Protection Portfolio. This will include any decisions taken by individual Members during the same time period.

(1) Extension of Coastal Car Parking Charges (Pages 13 - 14)

7. Scrutiny of Portchester Crematorium Services (Pages 15 - 16)

To receive a presentation by Portchester Crematorium which will provide members with an opportunity to scrutinise the Crematorium's preparedness for maintaining an effective service for the residents of Fareham.

8. Opportunities Plan 2023-2027 (Pages 17 - 18)

To receive a presentation providing an overview of the Council's Opportunities Plan and how the Year 1 project proposals relate to the Health and Public Protection Portfolio.

9. Approval of Scoping report for scrutiny of Queen Alexandra Hospital services (Pages 19 - 20)

To consider a draft Scoping report for the scrutiny of the ability of Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust to manage increasing demand on services from within Fareham and beyond, particularly with the development of Welborne Garden Village over a number of years.

10. Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel Priorities

To provide an opportunity for Members to consider the scrutiny priorities for the Health and Public Protection Panel.



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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 29 March 2023

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor F Birkett (Chairman)

Councillor Ms S Pankhurst (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs P M Bryant, Miss T G Harper, Mrs J Needham and
Mrs K K Trott

Also Present: Councillor Miss J Burton, Executive Member for Health & Public
Protection (for items 8 & 9)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs T L Ellis.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel held on Tuesday 01 November 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Savings Opportunities

The Chairman announced that, as members would be aware, savings opportunities to close the £2.4m budget gap required by financial year 2026/27 are currently being explored by officers, with a view to the Executive considering the options proposed in the summer of this year.

By the end of April, the Scrutiny Panel Chairmen will be asked for their ideas and those of their panels regarding any savings opportunities that they feel should be considered as part of the savings programme. The Chairman urged members to think about the services within the Health and Public Protection portfolio and to advise him of any ideas they may have where savings opportunities could be explored.

The Chairman stated that everyone has a part to play in finding ways to bridge the gap and every idea will be seriously considered, regardless of whether it has the potential to realise a small or large amount of saving. The Chairman also stated that he would be happy to talk through any ideas with members so that he could then put them forward as potential savings opportunities in April.

Wicor Recreation Ground car park

The Chairman announced that he would like to make members aware that a petition was received and accepted by the Council yesterday to "Scrap the proposals to introduce parking charges at Wicor Recreation Ground in Portchester" and is now live on the Council's website.

The petition cut-off date will be late morning on Monday 03 April so that it can be verified, and all signatures counted, in readiness for a decision regarding parking charges at Wicor Recreation Ground to be considered by the Executive on Monday evening.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OR ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

Councillor Mrs P M Bryant declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7 on the agenda as she is a member of Fareham Rotary Club, which owns the Wheelhouse at Hillhead coastal car park.

5. DEPUTATIONS

Deputations outlined in the table below were received in respect of item 7 – Extension of Coastal car parking Charges:

Name	Type of deputation
Stephen Potter	Written
Karin Wipfler	Written
Paul Woodman	Written
Roger Britton	In Person
Becky Reed	Written
Karen Asher	Written
Maria Sabiston	Written
Jodie Littlefield	Written
Linda Johnson	Written
Emma Wells	Written
Simon Freeman	Written
Graeme Moir	Written
Joanne Taylor	Written
David Edwards	Written
Liz & Michael MacEnri	Written
Phil Marlow	Written
Lyn Edmunds	Written
Alex Rawlinson	Written
Sarah Holmes	In Person

7. EXTENSION OF COASTAL CAR PARKING CHARGES

This item was brought forward on the agenda and heard directly after item 5.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillors Ms C Bainbridge and P M Nother addressed the Panel on this item.

Deputations were received in respect of this item, as outlined in the table at item 5 on the agenda.

Councillor Mrs P M Bryant declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as she is a member of Fareham Rotary Club which owns the Wheelhouse at Hillhead Coastal car park.

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Leisure and Community which invited Members to scrutinise and make comments to the Executive in respect of the proposed extension of coastal car parking charges in the Borough.

At the request of the Chairman, it was confirmed that 123 comments have been received from members of the public regarding the proposals. 58 referenced the potential issues with local roads, 83 raised concern regarding access to sport - particularly for older and younger people, 36 related to the

impact that the charges would have on AFC Portchester and 58 referenced other matters such as the impact on Shearwater overflow car park.

Councillor Mrs Trott noted the need to find increased revenue to off-set expenses but felt that the proposal prioritised income over the health and well-being of residents. Councillor Mrs Trott also noted that Wicor is a recreational/leisure car park and that charges are not being proposed in similar car parks in other parts of the Borough.

Members discussed the potential impact that the proposals may have on local roads and felt that it would be important to ensure that appropriate enforcement by Hampshire County Council is carried out. In response to a question raised by Councillor Miss Harper regarding the impact of pay and display parking installed at Hill Head coastal car park, the Head of Environmental Health reported that Hampshire County Council's view is that, within a short period of time, people get used to having to pay.

Members were concerned about the cost of living crisis and the impact that these proposals might have on families who are already struggling. However, it was felt that the taxpayer should not be expected to cover the cost of parking charges, that season tickets are available which have worked well in other coastal car park locations since charging was introduced and that there are alternative car parks nearby that do not charge to park.

The excellent work done by AFC Portchester in providing significant health and wellbeing benefits to the local community was recognised by the Panel during the discussion on this item.

The Chairman commented on the positive impact that public engagement has on the Council's decision making process and noted the concerns that had been raised in respect of the proposals. The Chairman reminded members that the final decision on this matter did not rest with the Panel and that members were being asked to consider the proposals and pass any comments to the Executive to assist with the decision that would be made at the meeting on the 03 April 2023. The Chairman explained that, if approved by the Executive, a four-week consultation to amend the Fareham Borough Council Off-Street Parking Order would be undertaken in May 2023.

RESOLVED that the Health & Public Protection Scrutiny Panel agrees unanimously that the recommendations contained in the report be taken forward to the Executive for consideration.

6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

(1) Review of parking charges at coastal locations and options identified in September 2020 Review

There were no comments or questions for clarification in respect of this item.

(2) Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order

There were no comments or questions for clarification in respect of this item.

(3) Traffic Regulation Order at Council owned car parks - consideration of Consultation responses

There were no comments or questions for clarification in respect of this item.

(4) Proposed changes to Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order

There were no comments or questions for clarification in respect of this item.

8. APPROVAL OF SCOPING REPORT - SCRUTINY OF PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Miss J Burton, Executive Member for Health and Public Protection, addressed the Panel on this item.

The Panel considered a draft scoping report for inclusion with an invitation to Portchester Crematorium to attend the meeting of the Panel on 20 June 2023 to provide members with an opportunity to scrutinise the Crematorium's preparedness for maintaining an effective service for the residents of Fareham.

Members discussed whether the proposals for a new crematorium to be built at Daedalus would have an impact on Portchester Crematorium and noted that this would most likely be covered at the meeting on 20 June.

RESOLVED that the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel approves the draft Scoping report for inclusion in the invitation to Portchester Crematorium to attend the meeting of the Panel on 20 June 2023.

9. HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Miss J Burton, Executive Member for Health & Public Protection, addressed the Panel on this item.

In discussing the Scrutiny priorities for the Panel, the following items were discussed:

- (i) That representatives from Queen Alexandra Hospital be invited to attend a meeting of the Panel towards the end of the next municipal year to report on the new Accident & Emergency facilities at the Hospital. It was agreed that a scoping report would be prepared for the Panel to approve for inclusion in the invitation.
- (ii) That an update on the implementation of the revised CCTV arrangements following the dissolution of the Fareham & Gosport CCTV Partnership be provided. This will also cover other areas of Community Safety that will be of interest to members following a recent Audit. Proposed dates will be provided at the next meeting.
- (iii) That the Police and Crime Commissioner, Donna Jones, be invited to a future meeting of the Panel to report on current issues.

RESOLVED that the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel agrees that items (i) to (iii) as outlined above be added to the Scrutiny Priorities Plan.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.00 pm).

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Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

Date **20 June 2023**

Subject: **EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

SUMMARY

One of the key functions of the Scrutiny Panels is to hold the Executive Portfolio Holder and Senior Officers to account in the delivery of the service and the Improvement Actions identified in the Council's Corporate Priorities and Corporate Vision.

Members are therefore invited to consider the items of business that fall under the remit of the Health and Public Protection portfolio and have been dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel. This also includes any decisions taken by individual Executive Members.

The relevant notices for decisions taken are attached for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members consider the items of Business discharged by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel and make any comments or raise any questions for clarification.

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2022/23
Decision No.
2430

Record of Decision by Executive

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, Seafield 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.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

Monday, 3 April 2023

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Presentation to Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

Date: 20 June 2023

Subject: Scrutiny of Portchester Crematorium service provision

SUMMARY

The Portchester Crematorium Joint Committee operates under a Memorandum of Agreement between Fareham Borough Council, Portsmouth City Council, Gosport Borough Council and Havant Borough Council.

The constituent councils have delegated to the Joint Committee all the powers of the constituent authorities with respect to the provision and maintenance of the crematorium. The Joint Committee decides the overall policies to be adopted and oversees the operation of the crematorium and the quality of service provided.

The Crematorium has been invited to attend this meeting of Fareham Borough Council's Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel to inform members of the Panel of the ability of the Crematorium to accommodate the needs of a growing population with the Borough of Fareham and beyond.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members consider the presentation and make any comments or raise any questions for clarification.

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Presentation to Health & Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

Date: 20 June 2023

Report of: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Subject: OPPORTUNITIES PLAN 2023-2027

SUMMARY

The Executive Leader delivered the Budget presentation for 2023/2024 at the full Council meeting on 24 February 2023. During the presentation it was acknowledged that the Medium-Term Financial Strategy forecast a future funding gap of £2.4m by 2026/27.

Since this time, there has been considerable activity to develop a new Opportunities Plan of projects to close the gap.

This presentation provides an overview of the way in which the Opportunities Plan has been developed and the significant Year 1 project proposals that relate to the Scrutiny Panel area.

An update on the full Opportunities Plan and finalised Year 1 project proposals will be presented at the Executive on 4 September 2023 for their agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

Members are invited to note the contents of the presentation and make any comments or further proposals for consideration as part of the Opportunities Plan.

HEALTH & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY PANEL – DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

Councillor requesting item: Councillor F Birkett in agreement with panel members.

Issue	The ability for Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust to manage increasing demand on services from within Fareham and beyond, particularly with the development of Welbourne Garden Village over a number of years.
Background	To provide an opportunity for the Panel to scrutinise the preparedness for maintaining effective emergency care provision and ongoing care pathways with an increased demand at Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust.
Objective & Description	<p>The Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel have discussed the need for Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust to demonstrate that they have the capacity to cope with a growing population within Fareham and beyond, including the development of Welbourne Garden Village over a number of years.</p> <p>In particular, the Panel are interested in the provision of effective emergency care and ongoing care pathways at the QA hospital site.</p> <p>The Panel requested that the Head of Urgent Care Improvement, or their nominated representative, be invited to a future meeting of the scrutiny panel in 2023/24.</p> <p>Objectives would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to explain how the Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust has prepared to support the QA hospital site to be able to accommodate the current and growing population of Fareham and beyond, including the future development of Welbourne Garden Village. b) to provide quantitative data regarding current demand on services at the QA hospital site, with a focus on the Emergency Department, Ambulance access and ongoing care pathways within QA and other care settings. c) to outline projected future demand for emergency care in the Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust area, recognising the impact of the development of Welbourne Garden Village.

	<p>d) to outline what action has been planned as part of the Building Better Emergency Care Programme to meet increasing demand on emergency care and ongoing care pathways.</p> <p>e) to provide an update on the Building Better Emergency Care Programme.</p> <p>f) to prepare a presentation (no longer than 30 mins) for the Panel to scrutinise.</p>
<i>Please clearly state the final objective. Objectives might include scrutiny of process or issue, or shaping of policy option or special project.</i>	
Proposed Way Forward	<p>The Scrutiny Panel to be assured that the Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust has measures in place to ensure that it is equipped to manage additional future demand as the population of Fareham and neighbouring areas continues to grow.</p>
<i>How is the objective to be achieved? Options might include a report written by officers and considered by Scrutiny Panels; informal working groups; discussion with external bodies; or a combination of several tools. Thought should be given to the process to be followed once the Scrutiny Panel completes its work; a request or comment may be made to the Executive or policy options offered to Council.</i>	
Key Dates	<p>Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel date to be confirmed in municipal year 2023/24.</p>