

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, 25 JULY 2024**, commencing at **6.00 pm**.

The Mayor: Councillor Pal Hayre

The Deputy Mayor: Councillor Louise Clubley

Councillor Chrissie Bainbridge	Councillor Gemma Furnivall
Councillor Ian Bastable	Councillor David Hamilton
Councillor Susan Bayford	Councillor Tiffany Harper
Councillor Roger Bird	Councillor Connie Hockley
Councillor Fred Birkett	Councillor Stephen Ingram
Councillor Lisa Birkett	Councillor Kay Mandry
Councillor Pamela Bryant	Councillor Simon Martin
Councillor Frair Burgess	Councillor Andrew Murphy
Councillor Joanne Burton	Councillor Jacquie Needham
Councillor Malcolm Daniells	Councillor Paul Nother
Councillor Steve Dugan	Councillor Alison West
Councillor Tina Ellis	Councillor Lisa Whittle
Councillor Jack Englefield	Councillor Paul Whittle
Councillor David Foot	Councillor David Wiltshire
Councillor Michael Ford, JP	Councillor Kirsten Wiltshire



1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 7 - 12)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 June 2024.

3. Mayor's Announcements

4. Executive Leader's Announcements

5. Executive Members' Announcements

6. Declarations of Interest

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

7. 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.

8. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been given.

9. 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, 1 July 2024 of Executive (Pages 13 - 18)

(2) Minutes of meeting Monday, 15 July 2024 of Executive (Pages 19 - 24)

(3) Schedule of Individual Executive Member and Officer Delegated Decisions (Pages 25 - 26)

(4) Schedule of Urgency Provisions (Pages 27 - 28)

10. 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, 12 June 2024 of Planning Committee (Pages 29 - 36)

11. 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 Thursday, 27 June 2024 of Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel (Pages 37 - 40)
- (2) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 11 July 2024 of Housing Scrutiny Panel (Pages 41 - 44)
- (3) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 25 June 2024 of Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel (Pages 45 - 48)
- (4) Minutes of meeting Monday, 17 June 2024 of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel (Pages 49 - 54)
- (5) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 9 July 2024 of Climate Change Scrutiny Panel (Pages 55 - 58)

12. Questions under Standing Order 2.12

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

13. 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) Climate and Nature Bill Motion - Update (Pages 59 - 66)

A Motion, Climate & Nature Bill (previously Climate & Ecology Bill) was received by Council on 14 December 2023. The Motion was referred to the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel, who considered it at their meeting on 14 March 2024.

The Motion was then referred to the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel, who considered at their meeting on 9 June 2024.

A copy of the original motion wording is attached at Appendix A.

A copy of the presentation given to the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel as well as the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel is attached as Appendix B.

The Climate Change Scrutiny Panel gave the following resolution to this motion:

Members discussed the proposed Climate and Nature (CAN) Bill at length. The key points that the Panel considered to pass to Council to assist with debate on the Motion were as set out below:

- the objectives of the CAN Bill to introduce further national

legislation, policy and targets in relation to both climate and nature matters were broadly welcomed by Panel members;

- it was noted that the future legislative programme of the new Government may include measures relating to both climate and nature matters;
- there is a need to consider the potential financial impacts (both positive and negative) of any future climate and nature legislative/policy changes and targets on the wider economy, local residents and local authorities at the Government policy-making stage;
- future climate and nature legislative/policy changes should be supported as appropriate at a local level, with local authorities playing an active role in delivery and engagement within the local community;
- the importance of clear and consistent measurement of climate and nature outcomes in framing future legislation, policy and targets, both nationally and internationally, was highlighted;
- the use of climate and nature expert scientific advisors in framing future legislation, policy and targets, and also associated delivery programmes was highlighted;
- the Panel noted that the Motion referenced only one of the three MP's that, following the recent general election, now represent parts of Fareham Borough.

RESOLVED that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel pass the above comments on to Council to assist with their debate on the Motion.

This motion is now being brought back to Council for debate and decision.

(2) Notice of Motion dated 15 July 2024 received from Councillor G Furnivall

The motion submitted by Councillor G Furnivall in respect of the LGBTQ+ Community is as follows:

This Council notes that:

- Fareham Borough is the proud home of a large, diverse and thriving LGBTQ+ community.
- Results of the 2012 Census show that 8.14% of residents (16 and over) identify as LGB – ie approximately 1 in 12. Furthermore, 0.27% of residents state that their gender is different to that assigned at birth – ie. Approximately 1 in 370.
- According to Home office statistics sexual orientation hate crime in Hampshire rose by 65% in 2022 from the year before. In fact, all hate crime rose by 64% making Hampshire the highest rise in the South East.
- The Stonewall and YouGov 2018 'LGBT in Britain – health report' stated that 1 in 8 LGBT people (18-24) had tried to take their own life in the previous year and almost half of trans people surveyed said the same.

Council therefore notes:

- That harm has be done to the LGBTQ+ people in the past and that discrimination exists.
- The Home Office has stated that increased discussions of “transgender issues” could be behind the rise in anti-LGBTQ+ hate crimes.
- That more could be done to support and enable equity in Fareham society.
- That all LGBTQ+ people deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

Fareham Borough Council resolves:

- To show support for the LGBTQ+ people by flying the Pride Flag during Pride month from 2025.
- To explore how to ensure anyone dealing with the Council may be offered the opportunity to be addressed using pronouns of their choice if they wish.

14. 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 26/27/24.



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FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council

Date: Wednesday, 26 June 2024

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Mrs P K Hayre
(Mayor)

(Deputy Mayor)

Councillors: C A Bainbridge, I J Bastable, R N Bird, F W Birkett, Mrs L M Birkett, Mrs P M Bryant, F L Burgess, Miss J Burton, M R Daniells, Mrs T L Ellis, J M Englefield, D G Foot, M J Ford, G Furnivall, D J Hamilton, Miss T Harper, Mrs C L A Hockley, S Ingram, Mrs K Mandry, S D Martin, A M J Murphy, Mrs J Needham, A West, L J Whittle, P W Whittle, D P Wiltshire and K Wiltshire



At the start of the meeting, a minute's silence was observed in memory of former councillor Eve Burley who sadly passed away earlier in the month.

1. PRAYERS

The meeting commenced with a short service of prayers led by the Mayor's chaplain. |

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs S M Bayford, Mrs L E Clubley, S Dugan, P M Nother and J Englefield

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16 May 2024.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that she was very pleased to be able to attend the D-Day 80 National Celebration event in Portsmouth which was also attended by King Charles, Queen Camilla and Prince William. A few days later she was proud to open the Daedalus D-Day 80 event at Solent Airport.

The Mayor also announced that she recently had the pleasure of meeting the Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire at a reception held at Searle's House in Winchester.

The Mayor announced that her first tea party was held on 6th of June where there had been a very interesting talk on solitary bees. The next tea party will be held on the 11 July at 2.30pm in the Council Chamber.

Finally, the Mayor requested that Members note that the meeting of the Council scheduled to take place on the 24 October will be moved to the 17 October.

5. EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Executive Leader announced that he would be requesting that a special meeting of the Council be convened immediately before the start of the July meeting in order to consider the investiture of Honorary Alderman, as per the announcement made at the Annual Council meeting.

6. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Member for Health and Public Protection

I recently met with the Manager at Fareham Community Hospital and welcomed the opportunity to find out more about the provisions and services that are currently provided at the hospital. Whilst it provides a vast number of services, catering for many residents of Fareham and beyond, I believe it has potential to increase its use and expand on services.

As Executive Member for Health & Public Protection, and the County Councillor, I am keen for Fareham to driver this initiate forward. The manager is supportive of the idea and is currently discussing this with the ICB (Integrated Care Board) to ensure we gain commitment and involvement from primary and secondary care providers.

The hospital also benefits from a proactive hard-working Friends Group and together with the local ward councillors hope they take an active part.

Executive Member for Leisure and Community

D-Day 80

I'd like to record my thanks to Montserrat Events and all the volunteers who worked hard to make this a truly memorable occasion with over 16,000 tickets sold over the two day event.

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I'd like to thank everyone involved in organising the successful event and in particular, I wanted to welcome back the Y-Services yellow bus. The stand for youth services had over 500 visitors on the day which is tremendous.

Fareham Live

- Fareham Live is progressing well - the main auditorium seats and stage are currently being installed.
- Nearly 12,000 tickets have been sold to date with some shows already sold out.
- Free Backstage Tours are now available to book online via the Fareham Live website.
- Those in attendance at last night's Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel will have seen the photographs of the progress inside and outside the facility and it is looking stunning.

Borough's Birthday Bash

- To celebrate 50 years being a Borough, a Birthday Bash event is taking place in Fareham Shopping Centre and West Street over the weekend of 13 and 14 July.
- Families can enjoy a free pop-up beach in the Shopping Centre - the pop-up beach will continue to be free to use all summer long, until 16 September.
- There will also be children's activities, fun-fair rides, food concessions and a pop – up artisan market.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

8. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

There were no petitions presented at this meeting.

9. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations given at this meeting.

10. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE

(1) Minutes of meeting Monday, 3 June 2024 of Executive

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on Monday, 3 June 2024 be received.

(2) Schedule of Individual Executive Member and Officer Delegated Decisions

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

11. REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES

(1) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 22 May 2024 of Planning Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 22 May 2024 be received.

(2) Minutes of meeting Monday, 10 June 2024 of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing & Regulatory Affairs Committee held on Monday 10 June 2024 be received.

12. REPORTS OF THE SCRUTINY PANELS

(1) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 5 June 2024 of Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel

RESOLVED that:

(a) the recommendation of the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel, as detailed at page 39 of the agenda pack, be noted;

(b) the Council notes that the motion in respect of Community Generated Energy schemes is deferred to a later date, outside of the pre-election period; and

- (c) the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel held on Wednesday, 5 June 2024 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. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS

The Committee received a report by the Assistant Director (Democracy) which presented a proposed change to the appointment of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel and two changes to memberships on the Audit and Governance Committee and the Housing Scrutiny Panel.

Having been proposed by Councillor S D Martin and seconded by Councillor I J Bastable, it was agreed that Councillor Mrs L M Birkett be appointed as Chairman of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel with effect from Thursday 27 June.

RESOLVED that the Council:

- (a) approves the appointment of Mrs L M Birkett as the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel; and
- (b) notes that Councillor Mrs P M Bryant is appointed as a member of the Housing Scrutiny Panel replacing Councillor D G Foot, and Councillor D G Foot is appointed as a member of the Audit and Governance Committee, replacing Councillor Miss J Burton.

16. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council received a report by the Assistant Director (Democracy) which put forward revised appointments to the Schedule of Outside Body Appointments for the 2024/25 municipal year.

Having been proposed by Councillor S D Martin and seconded by Councillor I J Bastable it was agreed that the appointments as detailed at Appendix A to the report be made.

RESOLVED that the Council appoints the representatives to those Outside Bodies as highlighted in Appendix A to the report at numbers 8, 12, 27 and 49.

(The meeting started at Time Not Specified
and ended at Time Not Specified).

..... Chairman

..... Date

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Executive

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Monday, 1 July 2024

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Present:

S D Martin, Policy and Resources (Executive Leader)
I J Bastable, Streetscene
F W Birkett, Housing
Miss J Burton, Health & Public Protection
M R Daniells, Planning and Development
Mrs C L A Hockley, Leisure and Community

Also in attendance:

P W Whittle, for item 8



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies given for this meeting.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 03 June 2024 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Executive Leader announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. PETITIONS

There were no petitions submitted at this meeting.

6. DEPUTATIONS

There were no depositions submitted at this meeting.

7. REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

The following references from other committees were received:

Housing Scrutiny Panel – 27 June 2024Minute 8: Tenant Engagement Strategy

The Panel received a report by the Director of Housing which provided Members with an overview of the Draft Tenant Engagement Strategy. The draft Strategy sets out the approach the Council will take to improve how it listens to, and works with, tenants in response to the new regulatory requirements set out by the Regulator of Social Housing.

The Panel discussed whether the Strategy would apply to residents who are on the Housing Register but are currently living in private accommodation. Officers advised that this could be considered but it would be important to manage expectations carefully.

The Panel was supportive of the Strategy and felt that it made a very good start for the Council to expand its engagement with tenants.

RESOLVED that the Housing Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the report and puts forward the comments, as detailed above, to the Executive for consideration.

This was considered at item 9(1) on the agenda.

Health & Public Protection Scrutiny Panel – 27 June 2024

Minute 6: Anti-Social Behaviour Policy

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Neighbourhoods which presented the draft Anti-Social Behaviour policy for comment prior to it being presented to the Executive for consideration.

The Panel paid particular attention to the definition of anti-social behaviour, as detailed in the draft policy and considered whether it should be more closely aligned with the definitions as laid out in the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Following discussion, Members felt that it is more important to ensure that no one is inadvertently excluded from accessing help under the policy because the definitions are too prescriptive. It was felt that it may in fact be beneficial to broaden the definitions of anti-social behaviour to make it clear that it includes issues such as graffiti and trespass. It was also suggested that the policy should reference areas like misogyny and specifically reference gender-based issues and sexual harassment.

RESOLVED that the Health and Public & Protection Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the report, passes the comments, as detailed above, to the Executive for consideration and recommends that the draft policy be approved for a suitable period of consultation.

This was considered at item 10(1) on the agenda.

8. EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor P W Whittle addressed the Executive on this item.

RESOLVED that the Executive makes the following appointments for the 2024/25 Municipal year:

- (i) Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) Joint Committee – Councillor I J Bastable as deputy Representative.
- (ii) Welborne Community Forum – Executive Leader Councillor S D Martin as Chairman, the Executive Member for Planning and Development, Councillor M Daniells, as Vice Chairman with the Chairman of the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel, Councillor T L Ellis, Councillor P M Bryant, the ward Councillor for Uplands and Funtley and Councillor A West, the ward Councillor for Wallington and Downend also appointed to the Forum as Fareham Borough Council Members.

9. HOUSING

- (1) Draft Tenant Engagement Strategy

The comments of the Housing Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) the new draft Tenant Strategy, as provided in Appendix A to the report, to be circulated for public consultation; and
- (b) the Director of Housing be authorised, following consultation with the Executive Member for Housing, to make any necessary minor amendments to the draft Tenant Engagement Strategy, prior to publication, provided these do not change the overall direction or emphasis of the Strategy.

10. HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

(1) Anti-Social Behaviour Policy

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

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees the proposed draft Policy for a period of consultation. Following the consultation period, the policy will be brought back to a future meeting of the Executive for adoption.

11. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) Self and Custom Build Housing Action Plan Review

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) notes the progress made in supporting the delivery of self and custom build homes in the Borough; and
- (b) approves the implementation of the future actions set out in the Action Plan Review attached at Appendix A to the report, subject to inclusion of a further action to undertake further engagement to promote the opportunity for self-build and custom housebuilding within the Borough and encourage interested individuals and organisations to register their interest.

12. POLICY AND RESOURCES

(1) Update to Regulation of Investigatory Powers Policy (RIPA)

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that the revised Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) – Corporate Policy and Procedures attached at Appendix A to the report be approved.

(2) Capital and Treasury Management Outturn 2023/24

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves that the General Fund capital programme for 2023/24 be financed as set out in the report;

- (b) agrees that the additional expenditure incurred, amounting to £58,989 be financed retrospectively from unallocated capital resources;
- (c) agrees to add £281,000 to the capital programme for a new filtration system at Holly Hill Leisure Centre with the unfunded element of £64,325 to be funded from capital reserves; and
- (d) notes the treasury management activity for 2023/24.

(3) General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Outturn 2023/24

RESOLVED that the Executive notes the content of the report.

13. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to exclude the public and representatives of the Press from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the matters to be dealt with involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 3 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

14. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) Welborne Garden Village - Housing Infrastructure Grant Funding

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees the recommendations (a) and (b) as detailed in the confidential report.

15. POLICY AND RESOURCES

(1) Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund - Land Acquisition

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees the recommendations (a) to (g) as detailed in the confidential report.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 7.07 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Executive

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Monday, 15 July 2024

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Present:

S D Martin, Policy and Resources (Executive Leader)
Miss J Burton, Health & Public Protection
M R Daniells, Planning and Development
Mrs C L A Hockley, Leisure and Community

Also in attendance:

P W Whittle for items 9(1) and 11(1)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I J Bastable and F W Birkett.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that that the minutes of the meeting held on 01 July 2024 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Executive Leader announced that following the declaration of results for the recent Parliamentary elections, he had written to the Chief Executive Officer to congratulate him in carrying out his role as Returning Officer and his team for delivering such a smooth and efficient process at the count and throughout polling day. The Executive Leader placed on record his thanks to all officers involved in the elections.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. PETITIONS

There were no petitions submitted at this meeting.

6. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

7. REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

The following references from other committees were received:

Housing Scrutiny Panel – 27 June 2024

Minute 9 – Fareham Housing Mutual Exchange Policy

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Housing which informed members of the new Mutual Exchange Policy and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Council Housing Tenants.

The Panel was supportive of the policy and had no comments or suggested changes to put forward for consideration by the Executive.

RESOLVED that the Housing Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the report and has no comments to put forward to the Executive for consideration.

This was considered at item 8(1) on the agenda.

Housing Scrutiny Panel – 11 July 2024

Minute 8 – Housing Consumer Standards: Information and Action Plan

The Panel received a report by the Director of Housing which provided Members with an update on the new Housing Consumer standards which came into force in April 2024. The report also presented the draft Fareham Housing Action Plan which has been developed to ensure that confident compliance with the new Standards is achieved.

Members asked if there were any areas of the new housing consumer standards that Officers were concerned there may be a risk of not being compliant. The Director of Housing explained that some areas such as stock surveys, may take a little longer to reach compliance. Officers also explained that the initial focus has been on those more pressing actions such as developing an Anti-Social Behaviour Policy, and a Tenant Engagement Strategy, and that the outcomes from Inspections at other providers will also help to inform any further actions needed.

RESOLVED that the Housing Scrutiny Panel:

- (a) agrees the content of the draft Action Plan as attached at Appendix A to the report;
- (b) notes that the Action Plan will be iterative document, to be kept up to date and relevant by the Director of Housing in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing; and
- (c) provides the comments and observations as detailed above for referral to the Executive for consideration at its meeting on 15 July 2024.

This was considered at item 8(3) on the agenda.

8. HOUSING

(1) Draft Fareham Housing Mutual Exchange Policy

The comments of the Housing Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the draft Fareham Housing Mutual Exchange Policy for a period of public consultation; and
 - (b) agrees that authority is delegated to the Director of Housing, following consultation with the Executive Member for Housing, to make any minor changes to the Policy prior to public consultation.
- (2) Voids Property Repairs, Responsive Repairs and Refurbishment works to Council Housing

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) the funding mechanisms, as outlined in confidential Appendix A to this report, to enable the continued investment in the repairs, maintenance, and improvement of the Council owned housing stock; and
 - (b) that the award of contract for void property repairs, responsive repairs, and refurbishment works to Council homes be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, following consultation with the Executive Member for Housing.
- (3) Housing Consumer Standards

The comments of the Housing Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) agrees the content of the Action Plan at Appendix A to this report, noting that this will be an iterative document to be kept up to date by the Director of Housing following consultation with the Executive Member for Housing; and
- (b) notes the governance and assurance measures outlined in Appendix A, which will collectively provide on-going scrutiny and regular review of Fareham Housing in the context of the new Consumer Standards.

(4) Changes to Government Guidance - Shared Ownership

The comments of the Housing Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) agrees the content of the Action Plan at Appendix A to this report, noting that this will be an iterative document to be kept up to date by the Director of Housing following consultation with the Executive Member for Housing; and
- (b) notes the governance and assurance measures outlined in Appendix A, which will collectively provide on-going scrutiny and regular review of Fareham Housing in the context of the new Consumer Standards.

9. POLICY AND RESOURCES

(1) Fareham Town Centre Regeneration - North to South Route

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor P W Whittle addressed the Executive on this item.

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the principal of providing an evening route between Fareham Live, through FSC to West Street and Market Quay Car Park;
- (b) subject to the approval of recommendation (a) above, approves a budget of £10,000 to provide improvements, including wayfinding and lighting (subject to Hampshire County Council), to the existing identified routes and delegates authority to the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, to agree the final scheme design and delivery timeline and to enter into contracts to secure this, within the agreed budget;
- (c) subject to the approval of recommendation (a) above, approves a maximum budget of £51,000 to provide security officers at FSC and delegates authority to the Director of Planning and Regeneration to enter into or vary contracts to secure the delivery of this, within agreed budgets;
- (d) subject to the approval of recommendation (a) above, approves a budget of £76,800 for the provision of interventions, public realm improvements and wayfinding, and delegates authority to the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, to agree the final scheme design and delivery timeline and to enter into contracts to secure this, within the agreed budget; and
- (e) subject to the approval of recommendation (a) above, delegates authority to the Director of Planning and Regeneration to draw on the remaining regeneration budget, if necessary, to achieve the delivery of the above.

10. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to exclude the public and representatives of the Press from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the matters to be dealt with involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

11. POLICY AND RESOURCES

- (1) Purchase of Strategic Land at Faraday Business Park (South) - Updated Position

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor P W Whittle addressed the Executive on this item.

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees recommendations (a) and (b) as detailed in the confidential report.

(The meeting started at 5.00 pm
and ended at 5.55 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER & OFFICER DELEGATED DECISIONS

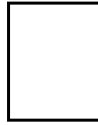
The following decisions have been made by individual Executive Members since those reported at the meeting of Council on 26 June 2024:

Leisure and Community – 26 June 2024	Decision No. 2024/25 2554
Community Fund Application – 1st Locks Heath Scouts	
RESOLVED that the application be approved.	
Leisure and Community – 26 June 2024	Decision No. 2024/25 2555
Community Fund Application – St Pauls Church	
RESOLVED that the application be approved.	
Leisure and Community – 10 July 2024	Decision No. 2024/25 2561

Community Fund Application – Live Art Local

RESOLVED that the this application be approved with the following conditions:-

- a) permission from Fareham Shopping Centre is secured for the locating of activities during the week of the event;
- b) the charity has success with at least 2 other funding streams and their plans for a down-scaled event is to be approved by Fareham Borough Council if not all the applications are supported;
- c) that equipment will be able to be hired by other organisations within Fareham Borough when not is use by Live Art Local and evidence provided on a 6 monthly basis of external hire to other Fareham based charitable organisations; and
- d) promotion of the event is shared with the Council to ensure it is widely publicised.



**SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER
& OFFICER DELEGATED
DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER URGENCY
PROVISIONS**

The Executive Leader is required to submit a quarterly report to Council on the decisions taken within the previous three months under the provisions for cases of special urgency described in Part 3, Chapter 3 of the Council’s constitution. The report must set out the number of such decisions taken and a summary of the matters in respect of which the decisions were taken.

Since the meeting of the Council held on 26 June 2024, the following decision has been taken under the Council’s urgency provisions by virtue of the Council’s response to the Covid-19 government guidelines to create and distribute payments of the Local Authority Discretionary Grant Scheme as soon as practicable.

Executive	15 July 2024 Decision 2024/25 - 2563
Purchase of Strategic Land at Faraday Business Park (South) – Updated Position	
RESOLVED that the Executive agrees recommendations (a) and (b) as detailed in the confidential report.	

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 12 June 2024

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor D G Foot (Chairman)

Councillor I J Bastable (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Miss J Burton, S Dugan, G Furnivall, Mrs J Needham,
P M Nother, Mrs C L A Hockley (deputising for S P Ingram) and
D P Wiltshire (deputising for K Wiltshire)

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Ingram and Councillor K W Wiltshire.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 22 May 2024 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					
Matthew Holmes (Agent)		LAND SOUTH OF ROOKERY AVENUE (WEST) AND 112 BOTLEY ROAD – DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION OF 19 HOUSES WITH ASSOCIATED PARKING AND LANDSCAPING AND ACCESS FROM ROOKERY AVENUE	Supporting	6(1) P/23/0020/FP Pg 11	In person 3 mins
Mr Michael Knappett	Martin Dinan and Suzanne Crowley	2 CHERRYGARTH ROAD FAREHAM PO15 5NA – SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, FRONT CANOPY	Opposing	6(2) P/24/0526/FP Pg 34	In Person 3 mins

		ROOF AND FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION			
Mr Kane Richmond		-DITTO-	Supporting	-Ditto-	Written
ZONE 2 – 2.30pm					
ZONE 3 – 2.30pm					

(1) WRITTEN DEPUTATIONS

The Committee noted the content of the written deputation that had been published on the Council’s website prior to the meeting.

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 planning appeals and decisions.

(1) P/23/0020/FP - LAND SOUTH OF ROOKERY AVENUE (W) AND 112 BOTLEY ROAD SWANWICK

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: -

An error in the affordable housing calculation has been identified that 40% of 19 dwellings s 7.6 dwellings (not 7.2 dwellings). This has no impact on the on-site provision, but the financial contribution required to be secured by the Section 106 legal agreement as set out in paragraph 8.47, and 9.1(d) should state 0.6 of a unit to be secured.

In respect of Condition 18 (regarding nitrate mitigation) which includes provision for a deed of variation as the applicant failed to secure sufficient credits from the original allocation agreement. Whilst the applicant has confirmed the additional credits have been secured, we are still awaiting receipt of the deed of variation, the date of which will be added into the condition once received. No decision will be issued until this has been received.

Upon being proposed and seconded, the officer recommendation: -

- (i) Subject to the applicant/owner first entering into a planning obligation under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 on terms drafted by the Solicitor to the Council to secure:
 - a. Financial contributions to provide for satisfactory mitigation of the 'in combination' effects that the increase in residential units on the site would cause through increased recreational disturbance on The Solent and Dorset Coast and New Forest Special Protection Areas;
 - b. Securing off-site translocation of reptiles and contribution towards Hook with Warsash Local Nature Reserve;
 - c. Financial contribution towards amendments to a Traffic Regulation Order for parking restrictions along Rookery Avenue and the Access Road (prior to commencement), and highway improvement works along the Site Access Road and to create a footway along Rookery Avenue (prior to occupation);
 - d. The delivery of 40% of the permitted dwellings on the site as a mixture of 7 affordable houses comprising 3x1-bed, 2x2-bed and an off-site financial contribution equivalent to 0.6 of a unit.
- (ii) GRANT planning permission, subject to the conditions in the report and update report.

Then

- (iii) DELEGATE authority to the Head of Planning to:
 - (a) Make any necessary modification, deletion or additions to the proposed conditions of heads of term for the section 106 legal agreement; 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 term and drafted to ensure consistency between the two sets of provisions.

Was voted on and CARRIED.
(Voting: 9 in favour; 0 against)

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) Subject to the applicant/owner first entering into a planning obligation under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 on terms drafted by the Solicitor to the Council to secure:
 - a. Financial contributions to provide for satisfactory mitigation of the 'in combination' effects that the increase in residential units on the site would cause through increased recreational disturbance

on The Solent and Southampton Water, Portsmouth Harbour, Solent and Dorset Coast and New Forest Special Protection Areas;

- b. Securing off-site translocation of reptiles and contribution towards Hook with Warsash Local Nature Reserve;
 - c. Financial contribution towards amendments to a Traffic Regulation Order for parking restrictions along Rookery Avenue and the Access Road (prior to commencement), and highway improvements along the Site Access Road and to create a footway along Rookery Avenue (prior to occupation);
 - d. The delivery of 40% of the permitted dwellings on the site as a mixture of 7 affordable houses comprising 3x1-bed, 2x2-bed and 2x3-bed and an off-site financial contribution equivalent to 0.6 of a unit.
- (ii) PLANNING PERMISSION be granted, subject to the conditions in the report and the update report.

Then

- (iii) AUTHORITY BE DELEGATED to the Head of Planning to:
- (a) Make any necessary modification, deletion or additions to the proposed conditions or heads of terms for the section 106 legal agreement; 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 term as drafted to ensure consistency between the two sets of provisions.

(2) P/24/0526/FP - 2 CHERRYGARTH ROAD FAREHAM PO15 5NA

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

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

Following the publication of the committee report, a further third party comment has been received from a neighbour that has previously submitted comments. They have reiterated their concerns regarding the length of the single storey rear extension, stating it would reduce light and appear overbearing.

A motion to refuse the application was proposed and seconded, and was voted upon and CARRIED.

(Voting: 8 in favour; 1 against)

RESOLVED that the application be REFUSED.

Reasons for Refusal:

The rear extension would be contrary to Policy D2 of the Fareham Local Plan 2037 in that a combination of its height, depth, bulk and proximity to the boundary would result in an overbearing impact upon the neighbouring property 4 Cherrygarth Road having an unacceptable adverse effect upon that property.

(3) P/24/0536/FP - JDP - WELBORNE BUSINESS PARK WICKHAM ROAD FAREHAM PO17 7BT

Upon being proposed and seconded the officer recommendation to: -

- (i) GRANT planning permission, subject to the conditions in the report,

Then

- (ii) DELEGATE authority to the Head of Planning to make any necessary modification, variation, deletion or addition to the proposed conditions.

Was voted on and CARRIED.

(Voting: 9 in favour; 0 against)

RESOLVED that; -

- (i) PLANNING PERMISSION be granted, subject to the conditions in the report.

Then

- (ii) AUTHORITY BE DELEGATED to the Head of Planning to make any necessary modification, variation, deletion or addition to the proposed conditions.

(4) P/24/0501/FP - 8 CROFTON LANE FAREHAM PO14 3LP

Upon being proposed and seconded, the officer recommendation to: -

- (i) GRANT planning permission, subject to the conditions in the report.

Then

- (ii) DELEGATE authority to the Head of Planning to make any necessary modification, deletion or addition to the proposed conditions.

Was voted on and CARRIED.

(Voting: 9 in favour; 0 against)

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) PLANNING PERMISSION be granted, subject to the conditions in the report.

Then

(II) AUTHORITY BE DELEGATED to the Head of Planning to make any necessary modification, deletion or addition to the proposed conditions.

(5) Planning Appeals

The Committee noted the information in the report.

(6) UPDATE REPORT

The Update Report was circulated prior to the meeting and considered alongside the relevant agenda items.

(The meeting started at 2.30 pm
and ended at 4.00 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 27 June 2024

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor M J Ford (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L M Birkett (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: D G Foot, Miss T Harper, G Furnivall, A West and S P Ingram
(deputising for Mrs P M Bryant)

Also Present: Councillor R N Bird (for item 6)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs P M Bryant.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel held on 27 March 2024 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OR ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY

At the invitation of the Chairman Councillor R N Bird addressed the Panel on this item.

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Neighbourhoods which presented the draft Anti-Social Behaviour policy for comment prior to it being presented to the Executive for consideration.

The Panel paid particular attention to the definition of anti-social behaviour, as detailed in the draft policy and considered whether it should be more closely aligned with the definitions as laid out in the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Following discussion, Members felt that it is more important to ensure that no one is inadvertently excluded from accessing help under the policy because the definitions are too prescriptive. It was felt that it may in fact be beneficial to broaden the definitions of anti-social behaviour to make it clear that it includes issues such as graffiti and trespass. It was also suggested that the policy should reference areas like misogyny and specifically reference gender-based issues and sexual harassment.

RESOLVED that the Health and Public & Protection Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the report, passes the comments, as detailed above, to the Executive for consideration and recommends that the draft policy be approved for a suitable period of consultation.

7. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

(1) Traffic Regulation Order (Amendment 9) Consideration of Consultation Responses

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

8. INTRODUCTION TO THE PANEL AND PORTFOLIO SERVICES

The Panel received a presentation by the Director of Neighbourhoods which outlined the role and function of the Panel and provided an overview of the Health and Public Protection portfolio services. A copy of the presentation slides is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

The Panel was advised that if any Members wanted more information on the services provided by the Health and Public Protection portfolio, Officers would be very pleased to meet with them outside of the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the presentation.

9. HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Director of Neighbourhoods presented suggested scrutiny priorities for the Panel for the 2024/25 municipal year and advised members that she would cover this in more detail at the next meeting if this was helpful.

The Panel was encouraged to put forward any comments on the suggested items, or to put forward any further items for consideration, to the Chairman or Director of Neighbourhoods.

(The meeting started at 5.00 pm
and ended at 6.02 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Housing Scrutiny Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 11 July 2024

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs K Mandry (Chairman)

Councillors: R N Bird, D J Hamilton, S P Ingram and L J Whittle

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs P M Bryant and Mrs L E Clubleby

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2024 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

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

(1) Tenant Engagement Strategy

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

7. FAREHAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SITES UPDATE

The Panel received a presentation by the Affordable Housing Delivery Manager which presented members with an update on the progress with the Fareham Housing sites and other strategic housing matters, including a look back at completed projects to provide newer Members with a more detailed overview.

RESOLVED that the Housing Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the presentation.

8. HOUSING CONSUMER STANDARDS: INFORMATION AND ACTION PLAN

The Panel received a report by the Director of Housing which provided Members with an update on the new Housing Consumer standards which came into force in April 2024. The report also presented the draft Fareham Housing Action Plan which has been developed to ensure that confident compliance with the new Standards is achieved.

Members asked if there were any areas of the new housing consumer standards that Officers were concerned there may be a risk of not being compliant. The Director of Housing explained that some areas, such as stock surveys, may take a little longer to reach compliance. Officers also explained

that the initial focus had been on those more pressing actions such as developing an Anti-Social Behaviour Policy, and a Tenant Engagement Strategy, and that the outcomes from Inspections at other providers will also help to inform any further actions needed.

RESOLVED that the Housing Scrutiny Panel:

- (a) agrees the content of the draft Action Plan as attached at Appendix A to the report;
- (b) notes that the Action Plan will be an iterative document, to be kept up to date and relevant by the Director of Housing in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing; and
- (c) provides the comments and observations as detailed above for referral to the Executive for consideration at its meeting on 15 July 2024.

9. FAREHAM HOUSING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE POLICY

The Panel received a report by the Director of Housing which provided members with an overview of the Draft Housing Repairs & Maintenance Policy and the need to update current information in line with the changes introduced by the Regulator of Social Housing by way of 'Awaab's law' and new consumer standards.

The Fareham Housing Repairs & Maintenance Policy was tabled at the meeting for consideration.

Members asked several questions for clarification to provide a greater understanding of the new Fareham Housing Repairs & Maintenance Policy and enquired as to the timescales for the next steps following Executive approval in September. Officers explained that once approved, a period of 6 weeks public consultation will begin following conclusion of the call-in period.

RESOLVED that the Housing Scrutiny Panel:

- (a) considered the report and Draft Fareham Housing Repairs & Maintenance Policy as attached at Appendix A to the report; and
- (b) refers the comments detailed above for consideration by the Executive when the Policy is presented for approval.

10. FAREHAM HOUSING ANNUAL REVIEW

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Housing which presented the Fareham Housing Annual Housing report 2024 for information.

Members enquired if hard copies of the final published document will be made available to tenants who may not have easy access to the website. The Director of Housing explained that hard copies will be made available for those tenants that wish to view a hard copy on request.

RESOLVED that the Housing Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the report.

11. CHANGES TO GOVERNMENT SHARED OWNERSHIP GUIDANCE

The Panel received a presentation by the Housing Delivery Manager which provided Members with information on the Government affordability guidance updates in the Capital Funding Guide for grant funded shared ownership schemes and how these updates will be reflected in the Council’s Shared ownership Policy and Processes.

The Housing delivery Manager explained that the changes to the policy will be considered by the Executive on 15 July 2024 to ensure that the Councils grant funded shared ownership scheme at Ophelia Court is compliant with the updates ahead of the homes being marketed.

RESOLVED that the Housing Scrutiny Panel notes:

- (a) the contents of the presentation; and
- (b) the requirement for grant funded share ownership schemes to reflect the updated affordability guidance.

12. HOUSING SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Panel considered the ongoing scrutiny priorities for the Panel.

Members asked if an item could be brought to the Panel that provides an analysis of the Council’s waiting list. The Director of Housing advised that a great deal of work is currently underway to provide some analysis data on the website. The purpose of this data will be to set expectations for perspective tenants as to how long they may be waiting to be housed and to provide information on alternative housing providers if appropriate. Once this piece of work is complete Officers will bring an update to the Panel.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Priorities for the Panel were reviewed.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.11 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Date: Tuesday, 25 June 2024

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor F L Burgess (Chairman)

Councillors: R N Bird, Miss T Harper, L J Whittle, D P Wiltshire and
Mrs P M Bryant (deputising for Mrs L E Clubley)

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman, Councillor F Burgess arrived late to the meeting due to extenuating circumstances. Councillor Mrs P Bryant Chaired the meeting until the Chairman took her seat during item 6.

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Mrs L E Clubley and Mrs S M Bayford.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes from the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 06 February 2024 be signed and confirmed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcement about the recent D-Day 80 Event at Daedalus -

Building on the success of previous commemorative events, Daedalus 100 and D-Day 75, on the weekend of the 8th and 9th June, Monseratt Events CIC, on behalf of the Council delivered Daedalus D-Day 80. A ticketed event to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy that led to the liberation of France and Europe.

The event included field gun runs, marching bands, living history re-enactments, live entertainment and a funfair. Regional City Airports (RCA) also co-ordinated a static and flying display, including a fly-past by the Red Arrows on the Saturday.

A total of 16,000 tickets were sold over the two days.

Officers will be having a 'wash-up' meeting with the event organisers in the coming weeks.

I would like to pass on my thanks to Monseratt Events, RCA and to all the volunteers that helped to deliver the D-Day 80 event at Solent Airport.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

No declarations of interest were received at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were received at the meeting.

6. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

The Panel received a presentation from the Leisure and Community Manager which provided an overview of the functions and role of the Leisure and

Community Scrutiny Panel. The presentation also provided details of the responsibility within the Leisure and Community Portfolio as well as an update on all the current Leisure and Community projects, including Fareham Live.

Councillor F Burgess joined the meeting during the delivery of the presentation.

Members were delighted to see the progress being made in the construction of the new Fareham Live - community, arts and entertainment venue, with Officers confirming that things are on track for the venue to be ready to receive its first paying guests at the beginning of October. Before the official opening, a programme of tours and 'soft openings' are to be arranged.

Members of the Panel enquired about the Ashcroft Arts Centre, asking if conversations had taken place between the Hampshire Cultural Trust and Trafalgar Theaters, to relocate users of the Arts Centre to Fareham Live, when it closes later this year. The Assistant Director (Democracy) explained that the consultation has been delayed due to the General Election. It is hoped that this process will continue as soon as possible.

All Members of the Panel continued to ask questions for clarification on a number of topics included within the detailed presentation, including; Youth Services in Portchester, Padel Tennis proposals on open space adjacent to Fareham Leisure Centre, and the Councils 5-year Play Area Improvement Programme.

During discussions on the Padel Tennis proposals, the Panel resolved to go into private session to allow information on the confidential Financial Proposals, included within the 04 March 2024 Executive report to be discussed. No Members of the Press or Public were present at the meeting however Members were made aware of the confidential elements of the report.

RESOLVED that the Panel note the contents of the presentation.

7. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Member of the Panel were asked to consider the items of Executive Business.

(1) Padel Tennis Proposal

Discussions for this item took place during Item 6 – Leisure and Community Portfolio Overview.

(2) Voluntary Sector Support Fund - Priors Park Community Association

No comments or questions of clarification were received.

(3) Community Fund Application - Funtley Village Society

No comments or questions of clarification were received.

8. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Panel were asked to consider the Scrutiny Priorities for the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel.

RESOLVED that Members considered the priorities for the Panel.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.35 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Monday, 17 June 2024

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs S M Bayford (Chairman)

Councillor F L Burgess (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: S Dugan, D J Hamilton, Miss T Harper, P W Whittle and R N Bird (deputising for Mrs K Mandry)

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology of absence was received from Councillor Mrs K Mandry.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel held on 22 January 2024 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTION

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. INTRODUCTION TO POLICY AND RESOURCES PORTFOLIO

The Panel considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive Officer which outlined the Panel's Scrutiny responsibilities, the Policy and Resources portfolio remit and highlighted the relevant priorities from the Council's Corporate Strategy 2023-2037. The report also provided members with guidance and helpful tips on how to conduct effective scrutiny.

RESOLVED that the Panel note the content of the report.

7. PRESENTATION ON THE COUNCIL'S APPROACH TO PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

The Panel received a presentation from the Strategic Procurement Professional on the Council's approach to procurement and contract management. (A copy of this presentation has been appended to these minutes).

The presentation was broken down into four categories, with questions taken at the end of each category;

1. Approach to Procurement and Achieving Value for Money
2. Procurement Controls and Assurances
3. Procurement Lifecycle Improvements
4. Impact on Procurement Act 2023

Members asked a variety of questions of officers following presentation. It was noted that the workload for the procurement team is high and members asked how this is resourced especially during busier times due to the procurement team being a small team. The Strategic Procurement Professional advised that the team remain constantly aware of upcoming projects and ensure that they

engage with service areas early to ensure that the work is completed within the prescribed timescale. He also advised that service areas may need to reallocate staff at times to assist with procurement projects where they are complex and time intensive.

Members also enquired as to whether the opportunities plan work had any impact on procurement, and whether it was worth undertaking this review again. The Assistant Director (Finance and ICT) addressed the Panel on this item and advised that the original plan was only for two years and whilst it has had a positive impact it is not something that can be measured in terms of procurement. She did advise that there is a lot of value in undertaking this exercise again and this will be considered at a later date.

RESOLVED that the Panel noted the content of the report.

8. PRESENTATION ON THE COUNCIL'S POLICY FOR THE REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS (RIPA)

The Panel received a presentation from the Assistant Director (Finance and ICT) on the Council's policy for the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (RIPA). (A copy of this presentation has been appended to these minutes).

Members were keen to note positively that the use of these powers is very rare.

A question was raised in respect of the very low usage of surveillance to establish if someone was living at a property or not, and whether this means that we do not investigate many of these cases. The Assistant Director (Finance and ICT) addressed the Panel to confirm that there are various channels available to report suspicions of fraud. These are assessed and cases prioritised for full investigation. There is an array of investigation techniques used to establish the truth of the case and surveillance is just one of these used in higher value cases where there is a high likelihood of legal proceedings being taken.

RESOLVED that the Panel note the content of the report.

9. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Panel considered the Executive items of business which falls under the remit of the Policy and Resources Portfolio, including Executive Member decisions and Officer delegated decisions, that have taken place since the last meeting of the Panel on 22 January 2024.

(1) Citizen of Honour Nominations 2024

There were no comments received.

(2) Daedalus Vision and Outline Strategy - 2024 Update - Progress and Next Steps

Councillor Hamilton enquired as to when the airside activities would become sustainable. The Daedalus Programme Lead (Airside) addressed the Panel on

this item and confirmed that due to binding restrictive covenants we are obliged to operate an airfield which can be a benefit to the non-airside activities (such as land sales and leases). This means that the site should be viewed as a whole.

(3) Electric Vehicle Charging Tariff for Osborn Road Car Park

There were no comments received.

(4) Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2024-25

There were no comments received.

(5) Housing Revenue Account 2024-25

There were no comments received.

(6) Irrecoverable Debts

There were comments received.

(7) Renewable Energy Scheme - Hook Recreation Ground Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Development Feasibility

There were no comments received.

(8) Solent Enterprise Zone - Retained Business Rates and Infrastructure Investment Plan

There were no comments received.

(9) Town Centre Regeneration Strategy and Action Plans - Options

There were no comments received.

(10) Treasury Management Strategy 2024-25

There were no comments received.

(11) Updated Complaints Policy

There were no comments received.

(12) CONFIDENTIAL - Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund - Land Acquisition

There were no comments received.

(13) CONFIDENTIAL - Sale of Land Parcel at Faraday Business Park, Daedalus

There were no comments received.

10. SCRUTINY PRIORITIES

The Panel considered the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel priorities for 2024/25 and were given the opportunity to put forward any further items they would like to consider during this municipal year.

Councillor Whittle requested an item on the Daedalus Vision but was informed that this would be an item that would go to the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel as it falls under their remit.

He also requested that the unallocated item on the Town Centre Regeneration be added to a meeting date in this municipal year. Officers advised that they are unable to confirm a meeting date for this item at present as it is still unknown as to when this will be ready for pre-scrutiny. However, it was agreed that officers would speak to the service area concerned and make the request known.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 8.02 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Date: Tuesday, 9 July 2024

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor S P Ingram (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs T L Ellis (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: C A Bainbridge, A M J Murphy, A West and Mrs J Needham
(deputising for Mrs L M Birkett)

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology of absence was received from Councillor Mrs L Birkett.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the Minutes of the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel held on the 16 January 2024 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

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were received at the meeting.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY PANEL OVERVIEW

The Panel received a presentation from the Director of Planning and Regeneration providing an overview of the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel. The presentation provided details of the role and function of the Panel and then went into more specific details with regards to the various work streams relating to Climate Change, which fall within the Executive portfolio for Planning and Development.

Members of the Panel asked for clarification on how the Climate Change and Planning and Development Scrutiny Panels work in collaboration on the various Environment topics that fit within the Portfolio.

The Director of Planning and Regeneration addressed the Panel to confirm that the Panel would lead on the following matters: the Council's Carbon Footprint, Climate Change Action Plan, Environment Strategy and Coastal Management. In relation to the development of the Council's new Environment Strategy it was acknowledged that there is likely to be a need for collaborative working with other Scrutiny Panels given the breadth of issues to be addressed. being developed. With respect to Coastal Management, it was highlighted that this service area, delivered by Coastal Partners, has a clear focus on climate change resilience and adaptation.

Members thanked Officers for the detailed presentation.

RESOLVED that the Panel note the contents of the presentation.

7. MOTION - CLIMATE AND NATURE BILL

The Panel were asked to consider a Motion referred from Council on the 09 April 2024. The Motion, originally received at Council in December 2023 had also previously been considered by the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel in March 2024.

The Policy, Research and Engagement Manager delivered a presentation providing an explanation for Members on the Climate and Nature (CAN) Private Members Bill. A copy of the presentation is appended to these Minutes.

Members discussed the proposed CAN Bill at length. The key points that the Panel considered to pass to Council to assist with debate on the Motion were as set out below:

- the objectives of the CAN Bill to introduce further national legislation, policy and targets in relation to both climate and nature matters were broadly welcomed by Panel members;
- it was noted that the future legislative programme of the new Government may include measures relating to both climate and nature matters;
- there is a need to consider the potential financial impacts (both positive and negative) of any future climate and nature legislative/policy changes and targets on the wider economy, local residents and local authorities at the Government policy-making stage;
- future climate and nature legislative/policy changes should be supported as appropriate at a local level, with local authorities playing an active role in delivery and engagement within the local community;
- the importance of clear and consistent measurement of climate and nature outcomes in framing future legislation, policy and targets, both nationally and internationally, was highlighted;
- the use of climate and nature expert scientific advisors in framing future legislation, policy and targets, and also associated delivery programmes was highlighted;
- the Panel noted that the Motion referenced only one of the three MP's that, following the recent general election, now represent parts of Fareham Borough.

RESOLVED that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel pass the above comments on to Council to assist with their debate on the Motion.

8. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

There were no items of Executive Business for the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel to consider at the meeting.

9. CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Panel were asked to consider the Scrutiny Priorities for the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel. The Policy, Research and Engagement Manager set

out a proposed work programme highlighting which items are likely to be considered at each meeting.

The Panel were asked to consider the Scrutiny Priorities for the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel. The Policy, Research and Engagement Manager addressed the Panel to provide an overview of a potential work programme, which had been set out to propose how various work streams underway by Officers could be delivered to the Panel throughout the municipal year. The Director of Planning and Regeneration addressed the Panel to confirm that the work programme is flexible and subject to change but requested that Members consider which items they wish to be brought before them for consideration.

Members asked that five items be considered for inclusion within the work programme, 1) 2023/24 Council Carbon Footprint Calculation; 2) Climate Change Action Plan 2023/24 Annual Update; 3) Coastal Management projects update; 4) Environment Strategy (approach to policy development and draft strategy); and 5) Hook Recreation Ground Renewable Project update. The Director of Planning and Regeneration confirmed that these topics will be incorporated into the work programme as appropriate throughout the municipal year.

RESOLVED that the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel considered the Scrutiny Priorities.

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

..... Chairman

..... Date

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:

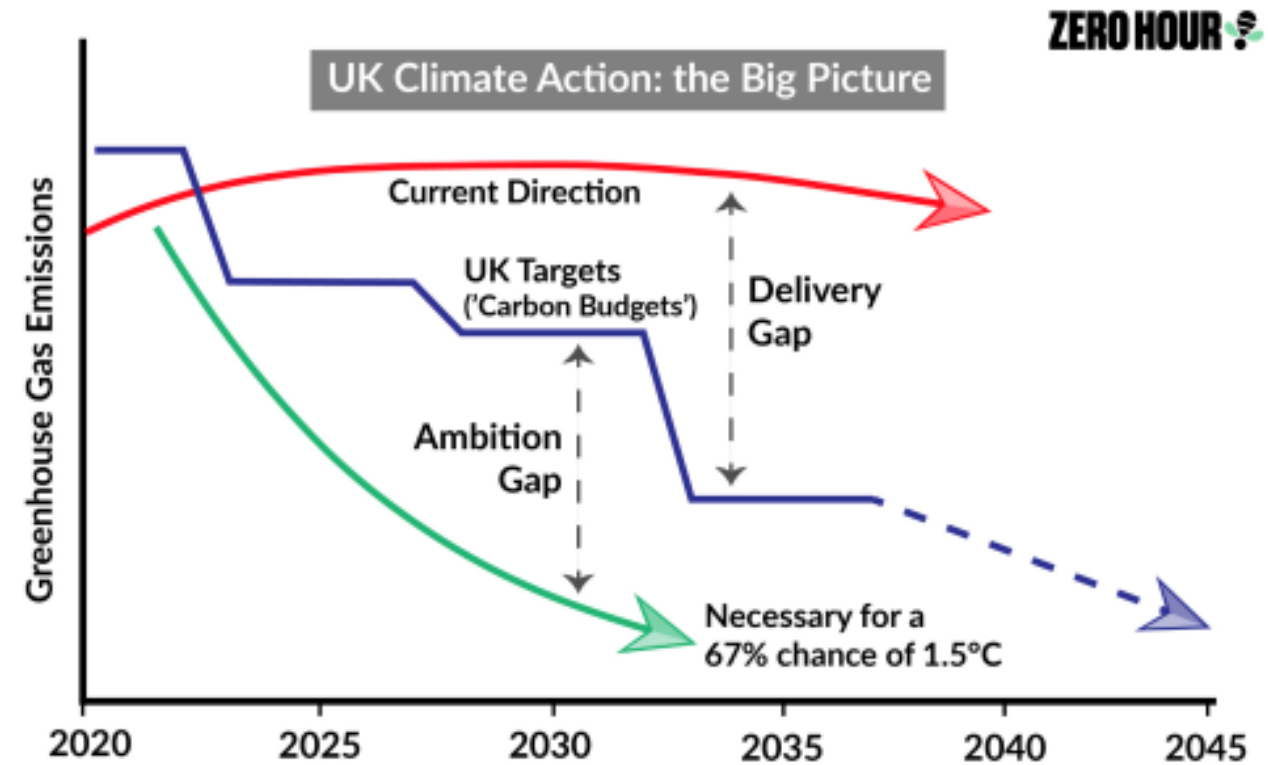
1. Support the Climate and Ecology Bill;
2. Inform local residents and inform local press/media of this decision;
3. Write to **Suella Braverman MP** to inform them that this motion has been passed, and urge them to sign up to support the CE Bill—or thank them for already doing so;
4. Write to Zero Hour,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

Climate and Nature Bill

Overview of the Private Members Bill

- Previously called 'Climate and Ecology Bill'
- Proposes a joined-up plan considering both climate and nature
- Proposes that policy and action on the climate and nature crisis should be science-led and people-orientated
- Proposes that current national legislation is in line with science-led targets for:
 - Climate
 - Ecology

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Climate proposals

Update and strengthen current UK targets:

- Bill proposes to update targets to reflect updated scientific evidence (over last 10 years)
- Seeks an immediate focus on international aviation, shipping, and 'blue carbon' from activities such as industrial fishing
- Proposes consideration of all UK 'imported emissions'

Targets for other greenhouse gases:

Proposes specific targets for methane and other non-CO2 warming gases

Increasing focus on reducing emissions now:

- Current strategy is centred around the 2050 Net Zero date
- Bill proposes that the concept of a 'finite carbon budget' is embedded into law

Ecology proposals

Create a joined-up approach:

- Climate change and nature are intertwined – one accelerates the loss of the other and vice versa
- Bill seeks to address both elements in an integrated approach

Halt and reverse decline of nature:

- Bill proposes a nature target that aligns with UK's international commitment to halt and reverse the destruction of nature by 2030; signed up to target at UN Biodiversity Summit (COP 15)
- Bill proposes enforcing this agreement by placing it in national legislation

Prioritises the protection of nature:

- Bill seeks to introduce a '*Mitigation and Conservation Hierarchy*' so that when appropriate, any development or activity would use this framework to prioritise the protection of nature
- *Mitigation Conservation Hierarchy* has four main principles:
 - 1) avoid
 - 2) minimise
 - 3) restore
 - 4) offset

Proposed Bill - further measures

- The Bill looks to increase the level of both Emissions and Ecological footprint reporting
 - Contains measures to ensure that people are supported in the transition to a green economy
 - Particular focus on ensuring a positive and fair impact on local communities with high levels of deprivation
- If the Bill is passed, then a Climate and Nature Assembly would be formed made up of citizens from across the UK to help inform the development of a Strategy
- The Strategy would set out how the UK would meet the policy targets set out in the Bill

Proposed Bill - Progress and Support

Support:

- The Bill is being supported by a campaign called Zero Hour who currently have 1,590 supporters made up of different organisations, politicians (132 MPs), and scientists
- Around 250 Local Authorities have already passed motions in support of the Climate and Ecology Bill

Progress:

- The Bill has been presented to parliament for debate on several occasions between 2020/21 and 2023/24
- It has not yet progressed past a second reading in the House of Commons