

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

2024/25  
Decision No.  
2574

### Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 7 October 2024

<b>Portfolio</b>	Housing
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>The Draft Fareham Housing Mutual Exchange Policy</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Housing
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	Provides Housing Choices

**Purpose:**

To seek Executive approval for the Draft Fareham Housing Mutual Exchange policy for adoption.

Under Part IV of the Housing Act 1985, all eligible tenants of social housing have the right to exchange their tenancies with one another. This is referred to as 'mutual exchange'.

The new Mutual Exchange Policy provides comprehensive information regarding the mutual exchange process, the background and relevant legislation, including the recent changes made by the Regulator of Social Housing.

At its meeting on the 27 June, the Housing Scrutiny Panel approved the document to go to the Executive with no comments or suggestions. Following Executive agreement on 15 July, the draft Mutual Exchange policy was circulated for public consultation from 29 July to 16 September.

The report summarises the outcome of the consultation and details the changes made in response.

**Options Considered:**

An amendment to sections 9 and 10 of the Policy was tabled at the meeting for Members' consideration.

As recommendation.

**Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) agrees the Draft Fareham Housing Mutual Exchange policy be adopted;
- (b) notes the outcome of the consultation, and the changes made to the Policy and accompanying documents; and
- (c) agrees to delegate powers to make any amendments needed in line with future updates to Government guidance to the Director of Housing, following consultation with the Executive Member for Housing.

**Reason:**

To enable the delivery of Fareham Housing's Mutual Exchange scheme in line with all relevant legislation and guidance, and to allow the fair and consistent application of the process.

**Confirmed as a true record:**

Councillor SD Martin (Executive Leader)

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### Record of Decision by Executive

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<b>Portfolio</b>	Housing
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Fareham Housing Development Sites Update</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Housing
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	Provides Housing Choices

**Purpose:**

To update the Executive on the Fareham Housing newbuild delivery programme.

The report provides an update on the newbuild Fareham Housing development sites which are either under construction, have planning permission, or are being progressed as future sites. Information on funding and delivery mechanisms has been included to provide context of the current delivery climate.

**Options Considered:**

As recommendation.

**Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Executive notes the progress made with individual sites and tenures proposed.

**Reason:**

Expected progress, funding approach and tenure can change from project inception to completion.

**Confirmed as a true record:**

Councillor SD Martin (Executive Leader)

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### Record of Decision by Executive

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<b>Portfolio</b>	Leisure and Community
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Fareham Park Vision Update</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Assistant Director (Democracy) & Deputy Monitoring Officer
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	Strong, Safe and Healthy Communities

#### **Purpose:**

To inform the Executive of progress with the creation of a Masterplan for new leisure, community and recreation facilities at Fareham Park, to recommend the submission of an outline Planning Application to progress this plan and to flag the financial challenges of achieving the Vision.

In July 2022, The Executive received a report detailing plans to submit a Local Investment Plan to secure an allocation of the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund for the Borough.

The report confirmed the intention that this would include a community-led approach to developing a plan for the regeneration of the Fareham Park area, addressing the need for modern sporting, leisure and community facilities, and delivering essential new affordable homes.

Following support by the Government of the Council's Local Investment Plan, £1m was awarded to meet the Council's aspirations. Of this, £700,000 was allocated to creating the Masterplan for the Fareham Park area.

This report provides an update on progress with the Masterplan for Fareham Park. It details the consultation that has driven the plan to date, advises of the works that are scheduled to be completed from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund allocation, considers the next step of the submission of an outline Planning Application for the new community facilities and reviews the financial requirements of delivering the project in its entirety.

**Options Considered:**

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

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

As recommendation.

**Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) notes the content of the report and supports the identified next steps:
- (b) considered the comments of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel;
- (c) agrees to the submission of the outline Planning Application to progress the Fareham Park Vision; and
- (d) notes the financial challenges of delivering such a transformative project for the Fareham Park area.

**Reason:**

To agree the direction of the Fareham Park Vision and the approaches to funding the improvement proposals.

**Confirmed as a true record:**

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### Record of Decision by Executive

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<b>Portfolio</b>	Streetscene
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Seafield Park, Hill Head Mini-Forest project</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Planning and Regeneration
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	Respond to Climate Change and Protect the Environment; Strong, Safe and Healthy Communities

#### **Purpose:**

To seek Executive approval for the planting of a Mini Forest on part of the existing public open space at Seafield Park.

The proposal is to create a mini forest on part of the Seafield open space in Hill Head. The carrying out of the project will be funded by the Coronation Living Heritage Fund through the Hampshire Forest Partnership (Hampshire County Council).

The project will involve undertaking the planting of native trees and shrubs with wildflower planting adjacent, on an existing area of mown grass. The project costs, including trees, materials and preparation will be met by the grant provided by Hampshire Forest Partnership. Fareham Borough Council will be responsible for providing the land, officer support and the long-term management of the Mini Forest.

The Mini Forest tree planting proposal accords with the Council's approach to strategic tree planting agreed by the Executive in September 2021 as part of the Council Trees Service Review.

#### **Options Considered:**

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

As recommendation.

**Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) grants approval for the planting of a mini forest on part of the Seafield Park open space as shown on the plan attached to the report at Appendix A; and
- (b) notes that this Council will be responsible for the future upkeep, inspection and works to the mini forest following planting.

**Reason:**

The proposal brings forward a proposal for tree planting on public land. The Council recognises the multiple benefits of tree planting in urban environments and the biodiversity benefits they afford.

**Confirmed as a true record:**

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### Record of Decision by Executive

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<b>Portfolio</b>	Planning and Development
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Hook Lake Coastal Management Study</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Planning and Regeneration
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	Respond to Climate Change and Protect the Environment

#### **Purpose:**

The report summarises the key findings of the Hook Lake Coastal Management study, undertaken by Coastal Partners, Fareham Borough Council's Coastal Team.

As sea level rises, important intertidal habitats along the coast will be lost as they are constrained by hard sea defences and are unable to migrate landwards as they would naturally do. Replacing and recreating the habitat that is lost is a legal requirement that will help to offset these losses both today and in the future from new defence schemes. Without a clear plan for compensatory habitat in place for the future, regulators may be unable to consent any new flood and coastal erosion risk management (FCERM) works in the Solent.

The Hook Lake Coastal Management Study, the first stage in the potential delivery of a habitat creation scheme at Hook Lake is now complete.

The study has shown that the site has many of the characteristics which are needed for the development of a successful intertidal habitat creation scheme and has the potential to create 45ha of intertidal habitats (saltmarsh and mudflat) in the short term and up to 60ha of intertidal habitat in the longer term (100 years).

In addition to establishing that a technically feasible scheme is possible, the study has also identified some key challenges that significantly impact the financial viability of a scheme at Hook Lake, including compensation for freshwater habitat losses, biodiversity net gain requirement and mitigation for increased flood risk to Hook Park Bridge.

The Hook Lake Project Board has overseen the progression of the project to date and comprises all relevant stakeholders including Hampshire County Council (HCC) and the Environment Agency (EA). Given the findings of the first stage Study, the Project Board has now recommended that the project is not moved on to the next stage of detailed design until and unless it is understood if these challenges can be resolved. On the 09 April 2024, Storm Pierrick caused significant damage to the



embankment wall at Hook Lake. The Environment Agency have identified they are likely to notify of their intent to withdraw their long-standing maintenance of the embankment and to not repair the sluice if damaged because it is unaffordable and technically unviable.

Consequently, the embankment will be increasingly vulnerable to breach over time. To communicate the Study findings, outline responsibilities and explain potential next steps for managing the site, Coastal Partners have developed a position statement in collaboration with HCC and the EA which will be made available on the Coastal Partners website (see Appendix B).

**Options Considered:**

As recommendation.

**Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Executive approves the Hook Lake Project Board recommendation to not move to the next design stage of the project until and unless there is more certainty the project is affordable and can be delivered.

**Reason:**

It is important that the Executive are informed of the outcomes of the study which was led by Coastal Partners and note that there are ongoing challenges at the site in relation to flood and erosion risk which will require oversight and management by HCC and the Environment Agency. No project at this site will move forward until it is understood if these challenges can be resolved.

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### Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 7 October 2024

<b>Portfolio</b>	Policy & Resources
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Proposals for alterations to security arrangements at Faraday Business Park</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Planning and Regeneration
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	Promote Economic Development; Responsive, Inclusive and Innovative Council

#### **Purpose:**

To seek Executive approval for a budget to alter the security arrangements at Faraday Business Park, Daedalus.

The proposed alterations comprise the installation of a new set of security gates which will have the ability to span Spitfire Way, the sole vehicular access into the northern zone of Faraday Business Park, together with an accompanying security hut. It is proposed that the gates are initially operated on an 'as and when' required basis, rather than full-time, although there will be an option for this change in future is required. The proposed works will require planning consent.

#### **Options Considered:**

As recommendation.

#### **Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves a budget of £35,000, together with the relevant budgets outlined in the confidential Appendix A to the report, for implementing alterations to security arrangements at Faraday Business Park; and
- (b) authorises the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, to take any action necessary to resolve associated matters as outlined in the confidential Appendix A to the report.

**Reason:**

To improve security measures on the northern zone of Faraday Business Park, providing a visual, and when required, physical deterrent to unauthorised visitors to the Estate.

**Confirmed as a true record:**

Councillor SD Martin (Executive Leader)

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