

# FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

## AGENDA

### LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL

**Date:** Tuesday, 25 June 2024

**Time:** 6.00 pm

**Venue:** Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

**Members:**

Councillor F L Burgess (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs S M Bayford

R N Bird

Miss T Harper

L J Whittle

D P Wiltshire

**Deputies:** C A Bainbridge

Mrs P M Bryant



**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Minutes** (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 06 February 2024.

**3. Chairman's Announcements**

**4. Declarations of Interest and Disclosures of Advice or Directions**

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

**5. Deputations**

To receive any deputations of which notice has been lodged.

**6. Leisure and Community Portfolio Overview** (Pages 9 - 10)

To receive a presentation providing an overview of the Leisure and Community Portfolio and functions of the Scrutiny Panel.

**7. Executive Business** (Pages 11 - 12)

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

**(1) Padel Tennis Proposal** (Pages 13 - 14)

**(2) Voluntary Sector Support Fund - Priory Park Community Association**  
(Pages 15 - 16)

**(3) Community Fund Application - Funtley Village Society** (Pages 17 - 20)

**8. Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel Priorities** (Pages 21 - 22)

To provide an opportunity for Members to consider the Scrutiny Panel priorities for Leisure and Community.



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BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

**Date:** Tuesday, 6 February 2024

**Venue:** Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor** Mrs C L A Hockley (Chairman)

**Councillor** Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

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

**Also Present:** Councillor Mrs S M Walker (Executive Member for Leisure and Community)



**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology of absence was received from Councillor Mrs S Bayford.

**2. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes from the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 14 November 2023 be signed and confirmed as a correct record.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made the following announcement:

A petition is currently live on the ePetitions page of the Council's website, asking the Council to step in and work with Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Cultural Trust, the Ashcroft Arts Centre, and residents in finding a solution to keep the Ashcroft Arts Centre open.

The Chairman invited the Assistant Director (Democracy) to give the following update on that petition:

The petition has 211 signatures to date, although these names have not yet been verified as living, working or studying in the Borough. The end date for the petition has been logged as 2 March 2024 and Democratic Services Officers have attempted to make contact with the lead petitioner to advise that this date may be too late to submit the completed petition as it will be after the date that the County Council will have set their budget. As we have not yet heard back from the lead petitioner, we are unable to change the end date of the petition.

In light of the conflicting dates, the appropriate course of action is for the Executive Member for Leisure & Community to write to the lead petitioner to set out the Council's priorities with regard to Fareham Live which will provide a community, arts and entertainment venue in the town centre and to assure the petitioners that every effort is already being made to offer relocation to the various clubs and community groups currently utilising Ashcroft Arts Centre.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

**5. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations made at the meeting.

**6. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

The Panel received a report along with a supporting presentation from the Assist Director (Democracy) which provided an overview of all the current

projects within the Leisure and Community Portfolio. This way of reporting was trailed at the last meeting and due to its success will become a standard item on the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel agendas.

*A copy of the presentation is appended to these Minutes.*

Members of the Panel asked for assurances that the Fareham Live operator, Trafalgar Entertainment, will begin dialogue with the Ashcroft Arts Centre to ensure those community groups and organisations can be accommodated when the Ashcroft closes later this year. Officers confirmed that these discussions are already taking place as the intention for Fareham Live has always been to provide a Community hub with a well-balanced programme.

Members enquired about the exterior brickwork at Fareham Live which has become a concern for residents due the patchy appearance. Officers explained that with all new buildings there is a drying process and that the bricks would be cleaned before the building is formally handed back to the Council, once construction is complete.

Concerns were raised by the Panel with regards to the artifacts and records located at the Westbury Manor Museum, which due to Hampshire County Councils funding cuts, will also be closing later this year. Officers reassured Members that discussions are scheduled to take place between Hampshire Cultural Trust, who currently operate the Museum, and the Council, to consider where possible, the valuable local items that help tell the history of Fareham remain accessible to Fareham residents.

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

## **7. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

The Panel were asked to consider the items of Executive Business since the last meeting.

### **(1) Community Fund Application - Lockwood Community and Sports Association**

No comments were received.

### **(2) Community Fund Application - Dementia Care Hub**

No comments were received.

### **(3) Community Fund Application - Portchester Sailing Club**

No comments were received.

### **(4) Voluntary Sector Support Fund - Priors Park Community Association**

No comments were received.

**(5) D-Day 80 Event**

No comments were received.

**(6) Voluntary Sector Support Fund - Bee Released Counselling**

No comments were received.

**8. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES**

Members of the Panel were asked to consider the Scrutiny Priorities for the Leisure and Community Portfolio.

The Assistant Director (Democracy) addressed the Panel to provide details of the various workstreams within the Leisure and Community Portfolio and reminded Members that their suggestions on topics they wish to bring to future Panel meetings are very welcome.

Members suggested that an update on the Community Centre Condition Survey be brought to a future meeting of the Panel furthermore, as mentioned at the last meeting, an update on the performance of the Fareham Town Centre Shopmobility services also be provided. Officers confirmed that both these items will be brought to meetings within the next municipal year.

RESOLVED that the Panel considered the priority for the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm  
and ended at 7.05 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date



# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### **Presentation to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel**

**Date:** 25 June 2024

**Report of:** Assistant Director (Democracy)

**Subject:** LEISURE AND COMMUNITY PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

#### **SUMMARY**

The Panel is to receive a presentation from the Assistant Director (Democracy). The presentation will provide an overview of the Leisure and Community portfolio services and priorities which are driven by the Councils Corporate Strategy.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Members are now invited to note the contents of the presentation.



# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### **Report to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel**

**Date:** 25 June 2024  
**Report of:** Assistant Director (Democracy)  
**Subject:** EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

#### **SUMMARY**

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

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

The relevant notices for decisions taken are attached for consideration.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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



# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

2023/24  
Decision No.  
2518

### Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 4 March 2024

<b>Portfolio</b>	Leisure and Community
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Padel Tennis Proposal</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Assistant Director (Democracy) & Deputy Monitoring Officer
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	Leisure Opportunities for Wellbeing and Fun

**Purpose:**

To consider a proposal to develop a covered 4-court padel tennis centre on part of the open space at Park Lane Recreation Ground.

The Council has received a proposal from Padel4All to fund and develop a covered padel tennis centre on part of the open space at Park Lane recreation Ground.

Padel is one of the world's fastest growing sports. Often referred to as a mix of tennis and squash, it is easy to learn and can be played by all ages and abilities.

This location has been identified by Padel4All because it considers the catchment area able to support a 4-court padel tennis centre. It can also make use of existing services such as parking, changing facilities and the café within Fareham Leisure Centre, which helps to keep the cost of playing low.

The cost of installing a 4-court padel tennis centre would be fully funded by Padel4All. In addition to the investment into a new leisure facility, it would generate a fixed annual rental income to the Council as the landowner and a share of the revenue generated.

**Options Considered:**

As recommendation.

**Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Executive considered the proposal and agrees:

- (a) subject to any representations received following statutory advertisement and subject to planning approval and any necessary assessments, to agree in principle to the disposal of 1500 sqm of public open space for a 4-court padel tennis centre at Park Lane Recreation Ground as shown on the map marked Appendix A and to agree to the financial terms as set out in the confidential Appendix B to the report;
- (b) to authorise the Head of Asset Management to advertise the proposed disposal of above public open space for two consecutive weeks in a local newspaper circulating in the locality in accordance with the requirements of s123 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and to approve the disposal, subject to no representations being received. If representations are received, to note that a further report will be presented to the Executive for determination and for a final decision to be made as to the disposal;
- (c) subject to the above, to delegate authority to the assistant Director (Democracy), following consultation with the Executive Member for Leisure and Community, to agree the terms of the disposal as set out in the report including the Heads of Terms and to enter in to contractual and all necessary arrangements to give effect to the proposals in the report if there are no representations from the disposal of the open space; and
- (d) in the event of there being representations, to note that a further report will be presented to the Executive.

**Reason:**

To provide an accessible padel tennis court within the Borough that residents of all ages and abilities can benefit from and to generate income to contribute to the Council's corporate savings target.

**Confirmed as a true record:**

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

Monday, 4 March 2024

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

2023/24  
Decision No.  
2498

**Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for  
Leisure and Community  
Wednesday, 13 December 2023**

<b>Portfolio</b>	Leisure and Community
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Voluntary Sector Support Fund - Priory Park Community Association</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Assistant Director (Democracy)
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	Leisure opportunities for health and fun

**Purpose:**  
This report presents an application for funding under the Council's Voluntary Sector Support Fund Programme.

An application for Voluntary Sector Support Funding has been received from Priory Park Community Association for £30 to cover the costs of one year's membership to Action Hampshire plus £446 for one day's one-to-one guidance from Action Hampshire to support the charity's transition to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Priory Park Community Association's objects are to '... advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation' for the inhabitants of Priory Park. The organisation runs Priory Park Community Hall to this purpose, which is home to a pre-school, pilates classes, and guide / scout groups in addition to having facilities for hire by the local community for private parties.

Priory Park Community Association would like to become a member of Action Hampshire to enable them to access support and information, to help them with the effective running the charity. The organisation is not currently a member of Action Hampshire and had a turnover last year of £26,443.

**Options Considered:**  
That the Executive Member for Leisure and Community considered the contents of the report.

**Decision:**

RESOLVED that this application is approved.

**Reason:**

This application meets the Community Fund criteria for financial support for community capital projects.

**Confirmed as a true record:**

Councillor Mrs S Walker (Executive Member for Leisure and Community)  
Wednesday, 13 December 2023



# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

2023/24  
Decision No.  
2538

**Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for  
Leisure and Community**  
Friday, 3 May 2024

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Leisure and Community
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Community Fund Application - Funtley Village Society</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Assistant Director (Deomcracy)
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	Leisure Opportunites for Wellbeing and Fun

**Purpose:**  
This report presents an application for funding under the Council’s Community Funding Programme.

An application has been received from Funtley Village Society for £819.01 from the Community Fund towards equipment for the Funtley Village Fete taking place on 29 June. This event equipment includes fencing, competition equipment, hi-vis vests, awards and signage. Most items can be reused for future fetes.

Funtley Fete is a popular biannual event with around 2000 people attending the fete back in 2022 . The fete will be promoted via their website, Facebook page, leaflets distributed locally, in the community noticeboards and also in the local magazine ‘Forget Me Not’.

Funtley Village Society fundraise where possible for the fete and for additions around the village. They also seek donations from local businesses and apply for grants that are available elsewhere.

The total cost of the equipment for the event which they require is £819.01. These are for capital costs only. Funtley Village Society will be funding the non-capital costs including insurance, portaloos and equipment hire, with their own funds.

As of 10<sup>th</sup> February, after their ringfenced money (£1,464) for village information boards, Funtley Village Society holds £3,835.30 in their accounts.

Both Ward Councillors, Mrs Bryant and Mrs Clubley support Funtley Village Society’s application.

**Options Considered:**  
The Executive Member for Leisure and Community Considered the contents of the report.

**Decision:**

It is recommended that this application be approved.

**Reason:**

This application meets the Community Fund criteria for financial support.

**Confirmed as a true record:**

Councillor Mrs S Walker (Executive Member for Leisure and Community)  
Friday, 3 May 2024

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# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### **Report to the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel**

**Date:** 25 June 2024

**Subject:** Scrutiny Panel Priorities

#### **SUMMARY**

Members are asked to consider the Panels Scrutiny Priorities. The main purpose of these priorities is set out in the Council's Corporate Strategy and Portfolio Responsibilities. In addition to this the Panel is also responsible for scrutinising service performance.

Consideration may also be given to external organisations and items of Executive Business which may formulate a future topic for consideration.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Members consider the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel Priorities and make suggestions on future topics for consideration by the Panel.

