

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Executive

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Monday, 12 October 2015

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Present:

S D T Woodward, Policy and Resources (Executive Leader)
T M Cartwright, MBE, Public Protection (Deputy Executive Leader)
Miss S M Bell, Leisure and Community
K D Evans, Planning and Development
Miss T G Harper, Streetscene
Mrs K Mandry, Health and Housing

Also in attendance:

B Bayford, Chairman of Health and Housing Policy Development Review Panel
Mrs M E Ellerton, Chairman of Public Protection Policy Development and Review Panel
Mrs C L A Hockley, Chairman of Leisure and Community Policy Development Review Panel
L Keeble, Chairman of Streetscene
T G Knight, Chairman of Audit and Governance Committee; for items 8(1) and 10(3)
A Mandry, Chairman of Planning and Development Policy Development and Review Panel; for items 8(1) and 10(3)
D C S Swanbrow, Chairman of Scrutiny Board
P J Davies, for item 8(1)
R H Price, JP, for items 8(1), 10(4) and 10(6)
C J Wood, for items 8(1), 9(1), 10(1), 10(3) and 10(6)



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 7 September 2015 be confirmed and signed as correct record.

3. EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Syrian Refugees

The Executive Leader reminded Members that the Prime Minister had recently announced that the UK will help to resettle 20,000 Syrian refugees by 2020. This will be undertaken as part of the existing UK resettlement scheme known as Gateway. A number of local authorities collaborate with the Gateway scheme on an ongoing basis and it is expected that a large proportion of Syrian refugees will be accommodated through this scheme. However, given the numbers involved, the Government has invited other local authorities to consider whether they have any spare capacity and wish to participate on a voluntary basis.

The Executive Leader confirmed that Fareham Borough Council's approach is to work in collaboration with Hampshire County Council. The resettlement of vulnerable people will inevitably have a big impact on Social Services, Health and Education, so it is important that any numbers are coordinated at a County level. If the County Council feels that it has the capacity to offer education and welfare support within the Borough of Fareham then they will contact us to establish whether we could assist with housing, as we are the housing authority. When and if that happens, we will review our options. Given the shortage of Council accommodation, and the scale of Fareham's housing waiting list, the most likely solution would be for Fareham Borough Council to work with private landlords and in any event, the Executive Leader gave his assurance that the Council stands ready to do its duty.

Farewell

The Executive Leader noted that the Director of Community, Martyn George, has made a request for voluntary redundancy which is under consideration and that therefore this is likely to be his last attendance of a meeting of the Executive. The Executive Leader wished to place on record his thanks to Martyn and the great respect for the work he has done for the Council over many years. The Executive wished Martyn the very best of luck for his future endeavours.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor C J Wood declared a Non-Pecuniary Personal Interest when he addressed the Executive on item 10(3): Vision for Daedalus – Formal Adoption, due to the close proximity of his parents' property to the Daedalus site.

5. PETITIONS

There were no petitions submitted at this meeting.

6. DEPUTATIONS

The Executive received a deputation from Ann Mellor in relation to item 10(6) – Vannes Twinning 50th Anniversary.

The Executive Leader agreed to bring this item for consideration forward on the agenda.

7. REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Public Protection PDR Panel: 28 July 2015

Minute 8 – Biennial Review of Parking Enforcement Policy

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Environmental Services on the biennial review of the Parking Enforcement Policy.

It was AGREED that the revised Parking Enforcement Policy, as shown in Appendix A to the report, be recommended to the Executive for approval.

A report on this matter is considered at item 9(1).

Scrutiny Board: 23 September 2015

Minute 8 – Review of draft Medium Term Financial Strategy

The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on the Review of the Draft Medium Term Finance Strategy.

It was AGREED that the report be noted.

A report on this matter is considered at item 10(1).

8. STREETSCENE

(1) Bus Shelters - Request for Capital Funding

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillors A Mandry, C J Wood, R H Price, JP, P J Davies and T G Knight addressed the Executive on this item.

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) that option C, as set out in paragraph 21 of the report be approved, for bus shelter provision and that this be implemented from July 2016 with the relevant capital and revenue funding budgets;
- (b) that officers proceed to carry out the necessary procurement programme to seek tenders from interested parties to implement option C and to report back to a future Executive meeting.

9. PUBLIC PROTECTION

(1) Biennial Review of Parking Enforcement Policy

At the invitation of the Executive Leader Councillor C J Wood addressed the Executive on this item.

The comments of the Public Protection Policy Development and Review Panel were taken into account (see minute 7).

RESOLVED that the Executive approves the updated Fareham Parking Enforcement Policy, as detailed in Appendix A to the report.

10. POLICY AND RESOURCES

(1) Medium Term Finance Strategy

At the invitation of the Executive Leader Councillor C J Wood addressed the Executive on this item.

The comments of the Scrutiny Board were taken into account (see minute 7).

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) the Council's finance strategy and the budget guidelines for 2016/17, as set out in the finance strategy document attached to this report; and
- (b) to submit the updated Pay Policy, annexed to the Medium Term Finance Strategy, to the Council for approval and appended to these minutes.

(2) Purchase of Land at 357 Gosport Road

RESOLVED that the Executive approves the terms agreed with Hampshire County Council for the acquisition of the land 335 -357 Gosport Road, Fareham, as shown in the confidential Appendix A attached to the report.

(3) Vision for Daedalus - Formal Adoption

At the invitation of the Executive Leader Councillors A Mandry, C J Wood, and T G Knight addressed the Executive on this item.

Councillor C J Wood declared a Non-Pecuniary Personal Interest when he addressed the Executive on this item due to the close proximity of his parents' property to the Daedalus site.

The Executive Leader noted that comments from the aviation community had been referenced in the report but that the specific comments were omitted from the appendix containing consultation responses. The points raised included:

- General support expressed for the Council's vision for Daedalus
- The need for a viable financial model for long term sustainability of the site
- Airfield infrastructure considerations:
 - The future use of 17/35
 - Easy access across site
 - Use of the grass runway
 - Navigation aids

- Willingness of tenants to engage in dialogue with the Council

In response to the issue raised about the formatting and cropping of the consultation comments at appendix B of the report, the Executive Leader confirmed that a complete set of consultation responses would be appended to these minutes.

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) formally adopts the Vision for Daedalus, as set out in Appendix A to the report;
 - (b) agrees the proposed Governance arrangements for the Delivery of Daedalus, as shown in Appendix C to the report;
 - (c) delegates authority to the Director of Finance and Resources to agree Heads of Terms for the disposal of plots as described in Appendix C to the report; and
 - (d) approves the Communications Strategy for Daedalus as set out in Appendix D to the report.
- (4) Lease of Part of Floor 2 of the Civic Offices to Hampshire Constabulary and Ancillary works

At the invitation of the Executive Leader Councillor R H Price, JP addressed the Executive on this item.

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the heads of terms provisionally agreed with Hampshire Constabulary; and
 - (b) delegates authority to the Director of Finance and Resources, in consultation with the Executive Leader, to agree final terms, if required.
- (5) Matched Funding - Quarterly Report

RESOLVED that the Executive approves a matched funding award of £25,000 towards the cost of replacing Lockwood Bowling Club's outdoor artificial bowling surface.

- (6) Vannes Twinning 50th Anniversary

The comments of the deputation were taken into account in considering this item (see minute 6).

The comments made in a letter from Councillor Mrs K K Trott, in her role as chairman of the Fareham Vannes Twinning Association were taken into account in considering this item.

At the invitation of the Executive Leader Councillor C J Wood and R H Price, JP addressed the Executive on this item.

During the debate, the Executive Leader proposed that the item be referred until the next meeting of the Executive, to allow more time to consider the location and design of the commemorative sculpture.

RESOLVED that the Executive approves:

- (a) the production and installation of a sculpture to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the twinning between Fareham and Vannes, subject to a further report to consider the location and design of the sculpture;
- (b) that an unveiling ceremony takes place, with a contingent from Vannes attending as guests of honour;
- (c) the proposal that HMS Collingwood carry out a Freedom March as part of the event; and
- (d) a budget of £25,600 for the proposed sculpture and event.

(7) Works to the Civic Offices

RESOLVED that the Executive:-

- (a) approves a capital budget of £266,000, to enable the works to be brought forward on the asset management plan and for the improvement works to be completed, as set out in paragraph 6 of the report, to meet the changing needs of the Council;
- (b) delegates authority to the Director of Finance and Resources in consultation with the Executive Leader for the award of the contract in order to allow the works to be progressed as soon as possible; and
- (c) delegates authority to the Director of Finance and Resources, in consultation with the Executive Leader, for the award of the contract for furniture procurement to allow the items needed to be purchased as soon as possible. The new furniture will be purchased with funds.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.55 pm).