

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### **Report to Council**

**14 December 2017**

*Subject:* **Consulting with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service on Planning Applications**

*Report of:* **Director of Planning and Regulation**

#### **SUMMARY**

At the meeting of Council on the 27th July 2017 a Motion was made by Councillor R H Price to consult the Fire Service on certain types of planning applications.

In light of the importance of this subject, Council agreed that an Officer's report on the matter be considered by the Planning Committee and recommendations made to be considered by Council at its next meeting.

A report was considered by the Planning Committee at its meeting on the 15 November 2017 and Council is asked to consider the recommendations made by the Planning Committee.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) agrees to consult with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service on planning applications for Schools, Hotels, High Risk Office Blocks, High Rise Housing, large Development Sites and National Health Buildings with immediate effect; and
- (b) agrees to write to the Local Government Association and the Secretary of State for the Department for the Communities and Local Government recommending that existing legislation should be changed to make it mandatory of local authorities to consult with fire authorities on the application types as set out in paragraph (a) above.

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. At the meeting of Council on the 27th July, A Notice of Motion received from Councillor R H Price, was presented. The Notice of Motion stated:  
“I propose that in light of the Grenfell Tower Fire, this Council writes to the Local Government Association and the relevant Minister of State asking that Planning Law is changed to make it obligatory for Planning Departments to consult the Fire Service on all Planning applications which relate to Schools, Hotels, High Risk Office Blocks, High Rise Housing, Large Development Sites and National Health Buildings. In the meantime, Fareham immediately operates the voluntary process offered by Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service to look at the above mentioned planning applications.”
2. Council resolved that the Motion be deferred, subject to an Officer’s report being considered at a future date by the Planning Committee before being presented to Council.

## **BACKGROUND**

3. At its meeting on 15 November 2017, the Planning Committee considered the report attached as Appendix A and agreed amended recommendations as proposed by Councillor R H Price, JP, as set out in this report.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

4. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report.

## **CONCLUSION**

5. That Members approve the two recommendations set out within this report.

**Appendices:** Appendix A - Planning Committee Report 15 November 2017

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