

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Date: Thursday, 8 October 2020

Venue: Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs S M Bayford (Chairman)

Councillor N J Walker (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: T Davies, M J Ford, JP, Mrs C L A Hockley, L Keeble and J G Kelly

Also Present: Councillor S D Martin, Executive Member for Streetscene (Item 6)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies of absence.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 24 August 2020 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. THE COUNCIL'S CARBON FOOTPRINT IN 2019/20

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Planning and Regeneration on the Council Services Carbon Footprint.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Martin, Executive Member for Streetscene addressed the Panel on this item.

Members discussed this item at length and made a variety suggestions,

Councillor Keeble asked whether the Council's housing stock could benefit from one of the Government's schemes for reducing carbon emissions, and if the Council could advertise these schemes to the wider borough.

Councillor Kelly asked for clarification on the carbon footprint of producing papers for Committee meetings.

Councillor Mrs Bayford put forward a suggestion that the Mayor's car could be changed to an electric car, and whether any of the Council vehicle fleet could be replaced with electric vehicles as and when they come up for replacement.

Members were advised that, following approval of this Executive report, the focus will be production of carbon reduction plan for the Council's services which will cover the Council's housing stock. There will also be work undertake with the wider borough through the Greening Scheme.

RESOLVED that the Panel recommendations to the Executive at its meeting on 12 October 2020 that:

- (a) The Panel's comments/suggestions above are taken into account when considering this report; and
- (b) the details set out in Appendix A of its report and that it is used as the basis for the preparation of the Council's Carbon Reduction Plan.

7. THE REVISED MEDIUM TERM FINANCE STRATEGY

The Panel considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer on the revised Medium Term Finance Strategy for the period of 2020/21 through to 2024/25.

RESOLVED that the Panel recommends to the Executive at its meeting on 12 October 2020 that it approves the Medium-Term Finance Strategy for the period 2020/21 to 2024/25 as set out in Appendix A of the report.

8. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CORPORATE STRATEGY

The Panel considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer

It was suggested that the wording to priority three of the Corporate Strategy in respect of the graves at holly hill be re-worded to "Create 400 new graves as an extension to Holly Hill cemetery to increase the number of burial plots available to residents of the west of the Borough."

RESOLVED that the Panel recommends the Executive at its meeting on 2 November 2020 that: -

- (a) The revised wording to Priority Three as outlined above be approved; and
- (b) That the recommended changes as set out in the Executive report be approved.

9. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Panel considered the Executive items of business which fall 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 3 March 2020.

The Panel considered the decisions shown at items 9 (1) to 9 (18) of the agenda.

RESOLVED that the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel considered the following items of Executive Business.

(1) Provision of Upgraded Power Supplies at Faraday Business Park, Daedalus

No comments were received.

(2) Climate Change and Carbon Reduction

No comments were received.

(3) Capital Expenditure at Faretec, Cams Estate Business Park

No comments were received.

(4) Citizen of Honour Nominations 2020

No comments were received.

(5) Irrecoverable Debts

No comments were received.

(6) Discretionary Business Grant Scheme

No comments were received.

(7) Local Authority Discretionary Grants Awards

No comments were received.

(8) General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Outturn 2019/20

No comments were received.

(9) Local Discretionary Grant Awards

No comments were received.

(10) Covid-19 Recovery Plan (Objectives and Framework)

No comments were received.

(11) Capital and Treasury Management Outturn 2019/20

No comments were received.

(12) Works to Property at Bridge Road, Sarisbury Green

No comments were received.

(13) Local Authority Discretionary Grant Scheme

No comments were received.

(14) Covid-19 Emergency Revised 2020/21 Budget

No comments were received.

(15) Parking Service Review

No comments were received.

(16) Covid-19 Economic Recovery Plan

No comments were received.

(17) Osborn Road Multi Storey Car Park

No comments were received.

(18) Covid-19 Impact on Daedalus Faraday Business Park Investment Project

No comments were received.

10. SCRUTINY PRIORITIES

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer addressed the Panel on this item and explained to them that since the Panel last looked at the Scrutiny Priorities in March, that many of the previous proposed items of business have now changed due to the change in priorities as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

He outlined to members the periodic items of business that the Panel has to deal with through the municipal year and suggested that he meet with the Chairman to discuss a new plan to incorporate the changes in priority for the portfolio. This was agreed by the Panel.

Lastly, he gave members an opportunity to put forward any suggestions for items of business that they may want to scrutinise. A suggestion was made that an item next year be brought to the Panel on Daedalus and how the Pandemic has affected the running of the airport, and the businesses that reside there. It was agreed that this would be brought to a future meeting of the Panel.

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