

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2020/21
Decision No.
2242

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 4 January 2021

Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Introducing charges for heritage advice and design codes, and the use of Planning Performance Agreements
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

To advise the Executive on introducing charges for heritage advice and design codes, and the use of planning performance agreements.

In February 2020, the Executive considered proposals to increase the level of fees that the Council charges for providing pre-application planning advice.

The Executive was advised at that time that a further report would be brought back for consideration relating to charging for heritage advice and for design code work, and the use of planning performance agreements.

This report sets out the proposals in respect of each of these three areas.

Options Considered:

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

The comments of the Planning Committee were taken into account in considering this item.

In discussing paragraph 11 of the report it was agreed that, following the recommendation made by the Planning Committee, the fee of £150 for any requests for informal planning advice to carry out works or alterations to a listed building should be exclusive of VAT.

Decision:

RESOLVED that, subject to the amendment outlined above, the Executive:

- (a) agrees the introduction of pre-application planning advice charges for heritage advice as set out at Paragraph 11, and that the charges will come into effect for all related requests received on or after the 1st February 2021;
- (b) agrees the introduction of charges in respect of work undertaken on design codes as set out at Paragraph 21, and that the charges will come into effect on the 1st February 2021;
- (c) notes the benefits to applicants and this Council of using planning performance agreements along with the potential for the Council to recover some of the abnormal costs it expends in processing related planning applications to agreed timetables; and
- (d) agrees that this Council considers the use of planning performance agreements on any appropriate planning applications received on after 01 February 2021.

Reason:

To ensure that the heritage advice provided, along with the advice provided on design codes, meets the needs of customers. To ensure that a proportion of the cost of delivering the heritage pre-application planning advice service is recovered from users of the service along with the full cost of providing advice on design codes, To manage the progress and cost of dealing with large scale and complex planning proposals.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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