

# FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

**Date:** Thursday, 24 June 2021

**Venue:** Council Chamber - Civic Offices

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor** S Dugan (Chairman)

**Councillor** (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:** Mrs S M Bayford, Miss J Bull, M J Ford, JP, J S Forrest,  
Mrs K Mandry and N J Walker (deputising for Mrs P Hayre)

**Also**

**Present:** Jonathan Butts (Co-opted Member), Councillor T M Cartwright  
(Item 5) and Councillor S Woodward (Item 5)



**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology of absence was received from Councillor Mrs P Hayre.

**2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting which was the first meeting of the new Daedalus Scrutiny Panel.

He also informed the Panel that he has been in discussion with Officers regarding a site visit to Daedalus, once all restrictions have been lifted, in order to give the Panel members a better understanding of the site and its layout.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTION**

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

**4. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations received at this meeting.

**5. DAEDALUS - DELIVERING THE COUNCIL'S VISION**

The Panel received a presentation by the Daedalus Strategic Lead on an overview of Daedalus focusing on the Council's vision for the site. (a copy of this presentation has been appended to these minutes).

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor S Woodward, Executive Member for Policy and Resources, addressed the Panel on this item.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor T M Cartwright, Executive Member for Health and Public Protection, addressed the Panel on this item.

The Director of Planning and Regeneration, and the Daedalus Strategic Lead took questions from the Panel following the presentation, which covered a wide variety of topics from commercial rents, IFA2, flight movements, lighting and the Airport operator. The Director of Planning and Regeneration clarified to the Panel that an aviation masterplan for Solent Airport needs to be developed in order for the Council to move forward with its vision for the whole of the Daedalus site.

The Panel also spent time discussing the presentation slide on future delivery priorities and agreed that both the short term and long-term priorities would be the guide for the Panel's Scrutiny Priority Plan.

RESOLVED that: -

- a) The Director of Planning and Regeneration, and the Daedalus Strategic Lead be thanked for their informative presentation; and

b) The contents of the presentation are noted.

## **6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

The Director of Planning and Regeneration addressed the Panel on this item to explain that items of Executive Business that are in relation to Daedalus, which would previously have been considered by the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel, would now be brought to future meetings of this Panel.

He confirmed for this meeting that there were no items of Executive Business to consider.

## **7. SCRUTINY PRIORITIES**

The Director of Planning and Regeneration addressed the Panel on this item. He confirmed that the items identified in the presentation at item 5 would help form part of the Scrutiny priorities plan but explained that the plan would be very fluid as these priorities may change as more progress is made at Daedalus.

He welcomed suggestions from the Panel as to any items they would like to see at future meetings. The Panel Chairman suggested a more detailed update on the performance of RCA in their role as airport operator. Councillor Ford suggested inviting RCA to a future meeting of the Panel so they could outline their future plans for the operation of Solent Airport. Councillor Mrs Mandry suggested a report on aviation fuel, focusing on how much we sell and to whom as part of the Solent Airport operation. Councillor Mrs Bayford requested an update on the Fareham Innovation Centre @ Daedalus, what businesses they currently have and their future plans. Jonathan Butts suggested a report on the risks to the delivery of the Daedalus Vision, principally pertaining to the future of the Solent Airport operation.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm  
and ended at 6.58 pm).