

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Executive

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 21 September 2021

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

Present:

S D T Woodward, Policy and Resources (Executive Leader)
T M Cartwright, MBE, Health and Public Protection (Deputy
Executive Leader)
I Bastable, Streetscene
S D Martin, Planning and Development
Mrs S M Walker, Leisure and Community

Also in attendance:

R H Price, JP, for items 10(1) & 10(3)
Mrs K K Trott, for item 10(1)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor F Birkett.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 26 August 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Executive Leader announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. PETITIONS

There were no petitions submitted at this meeting.

6. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

7. REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**Daedalus Scrutiny Panel – 07 September 2021**

Minute 9 – Solent Airport Operator Contract

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Planning and Regeneration on the Solent Airport Operator Contract.

RESOLVED that the Panel recommends that the Executive approve the report when it considers it at its meeting on 21 September 2021.

This item was considered at item 12(1) on the agenda.

Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel – 14 September 2021

Minute 7 – Council Trees Service Review

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Planning and Regeneration on the Council's Tree Service Review. The report provided an opportunity for the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel to scrutinise the report prior to the Executive meeting on the 21 September 2021.

The Head of Development Management presented the report highlighting the key areas of the review and how these in turn have influenced the recommendations put to the Executive for decision. The Panel expressed their

support for the proposals and asked questions for clarification throughout the discussions.

Members of the Panel provided details of possible funding opportunities for tree planting and discussed the importance of tapping into as much available funding as possible. Officers explained that a lot of work has already been carried out to investigate funding opportunities for tree. It is expected that this work will increase once the proposals from the review have been agreed.

Members also enquired about the link to the proposed revisions to Council's Tree Planting programme and the Council's Climate Change Action Plan, asking for reassurance that these changes wouldn't have a detrimental impact on the number of trees planted each year. Officers explained that with a re-organisation of the proactive tree planting towards strategic sites it was not anticipated that there would be an overall reduction in the number of trees planted and that this will be monitored by officers.

Members enquired as to which trees types capture the most carbon and if consideration could be given to this as part of the Council's Tree Planting programme. Officers agreed to investigate this matter and notify Members of the Panel accordingly.

RESOLVED that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel: -

- (a) notes the contents of the Executive report at Appendix 1; and
- (b) recommends to the Executive at its meeting on 21 September 2021, that it endorses the recommendations as set out in Appendix 1.

This item was considered at item 9(1) on the agenda.

8. HOUSING

- (1) External Redecoration Contract (ED0054) - Award of Tender

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees to award a contract to the contractor achieving the highest scoring tender based on quality and cost as detailed in the confidential Appendix A to the report.

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

- (1) Council Tree Service Review

The comments of the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel were taken into account when considering this item.

RESOLVED that the Executive approves:

- (a) the new approach to Council-owned trees, which includes:
 - Stopping good neighbour works.
 - Changes to Tree Planting.

- Changes to the Inspection frequency of Council Managed trees.
- Responsibility for low height tree works being brought in house.
- Reduction of other planned tree works.
- Individual proposals for funding of Strategic Planning Sites being brought to future Executive meetings for consideration.
- Engagement with local communities and the building up of a volunteer resource.

(b) a full review of the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document for the Borough of Fareham, excluding Welborne (SPD) be conducted; and

That the Executive notes:

(c) that an increased maintenance charge will be sought where land is being adopted which contains trees which the Council will need to actively manage upon adoption, of £500 per tree.

10. POLICY AND RESOURCES

(1) Disposal of Trinity Street Public Conveniences

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

RESOLVED that the Executive approves the disposal of the Trinity Street Public Conveniences on the terms and conditions as detailed in the Confidential Appendix A to the report.

(2) Citizen of Honour Award - Special Group Achievement Category

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees to present Acts of Kindness (Solent) with a Citizen of Honour Special Group Achievement Award in recognition of its outstanding contribution and support of the local community and the residents of the Borough of Fareham.

(3) Citizen of Honour Award Scheme - Special Achievement Category

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

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees to present Declan Brooks with a Citizen of Honour Special Achievement Award in recognition of winning a bronze medal in the men's BMX Freestyle Cycling at the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games.

(4) Covid Heroes Award Nominations

RESOLVED that the Executives agrees that the following nominees are selected as winners of their categories and will be recognised with an award as COVID Heroes for 2021:

From the nominations detailed in the confidential Appendix 1 to the report at Page 71 – nominees 6, 8 and 9

Page 72/73 – nominees 1 and 11

Page 75 – nominees 1 and 5

Page 76 – nominees 1, 7 and 8

11. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that the public and representatives of the press be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the matters to be dealt with at item 12(1) on the agenda would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

12. POLICY AND RESOURCES

(1) Solent Airport Operator Contract

The comments of the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

RESOLVED that a decision was made by the Executive in respect of this item.

(The meeting started at 6.01 pm
and ended at 6.40 pm).