

# FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

**Date:** Thursday, 23 June 2022

**Venue:** Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor** S Dugan (Chairman)

**Councillor** Mrs J Needham (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:** Mrs S M Bayford, Mrs P Hayre, Mrs K Mandry and P Nother

**Co-opted  
Members** Mr J Butts

**Also  
Present:** Councillor S D T Woodward Executive Member for Policy and  
Resources (Items 8, 10 (1) and 10 (2))



**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology of absence was received from Councillor M J Ford.

**2. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 1 March 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Mrs J Needham (Vice-Chairman) and Councillor P Nother to the meeting.

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

There were no Chairman's announcements made at this meeting.

**5. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

**6. PRESENTATION - INTRODUCTION TO THE DAEDALUS SCRUTINY PANEL**

The Panel received a presentation from the Director of Planning and Regeneration on an Introduction to the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel (a copy of this presentation has been appended to these minutes).

The presentation gave a brief outline of the functions of the Panel and the role that Members play within the Scrutiny process.

Mr Butts commented that in respect of pre-scrutiny he felt that sometimes there was not sufficient time between the agenda publication and the meeting for Members to have been able to fully scrutinise reports prior to attending the meeting.

A discussion took place as to how members of the Panel could be better informed of upcoming decisions to allow more time for pre-scrutiny. It was agreed that under the standard item of Scrutiny Priorities on the agenda, that members would be given an update as to any known reports/decisions that may be coming forward at some point.

RESOLVED that the Panel noted the presentation.

**7. NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPACT OF AIRPORT**

The Committee received a verbal update and a presentation from the Head of Environmental Health on the Neighbourhood Impact of the Airport. (A copy of this presentation has been appended to these minutes).

RESOLVED that the Head of Environmental Health be thanked for this presentation and verbal report.

**8. SOLENT AIRPORT OPERATION: 2021/22 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Panel received a presentation from Marshall Barrand, Project Director from Regional and City Airports Ltd (RCA) on the Annual Report of the Airport performance for 2021/22.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor S D T Woodward (Executive Member for Policy and Resources) addressed the Committee on this item.

Members asked questions following the presentation, however many of the queries surrounded the continuing rise in fuel costs and how this may impact on the Airport. Mr Barrand addressed the Panel to confirm that at present there has been no noticeable drop in fuel purchases, but that they will continue to monitor this.

Mr Butts enquired as to whether there was a Safeguarding Plan in place that has been prepared by RCA (as Airport Operator) and submitted to and agreed with the Local Planning Authority.

It was agreed that the situation pertaining to a Safeguarding Plan would be investigated further with RCA (as Airport Operator) and the Local Planning Authority.

RESOLVED that Marshall Barrand be thanked for his informative presentation.

**9. FAREHAM INNOVATION CENTRE: 2021/2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Panel received a presentation from Stephen Brownlie, Centre Director of Fareham Innovation Centre, from Oxford Innovation, on the performance of the Innovation Centre for 2021/22.

Members asked questions following the presentation on marketing of the apprenticeships and what work is being undertaken to ensure that businesses remain within the Borough once graduating from the Innovation Centre. Mr Brownlie addressed the Panel to confirm that the Innovation Centre works closely with the Council to try and identify sites within the Borough where these businesses can relocate to, as well as trying to utilise other office space within the Daedalus site.

RESOLVED that Stephen Brownlie be thanked for his informative presentation.

**10. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

The Panel considered the Executive items of business which fall under the remit of the Policy and Resources Portfolio, specifically in relation to Daedalus, including Executive Member decisions and Officer delegated decisions, that have all taken place since the last meeting of the Panel on 1 March 2022.

The Panel considered the decisions at items 10(1) – 10(2) of the agenda.

RESOLVED that the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel considered the following items of Business.

**(1) Daedalus Finance Strategy**

The Executive Member for Policy and Resources was asked if there were any major changes to this decision following the Panel's Pre-Scrutiny of this item at its meeting on 1 March 2022.

The Executive Member for Policy and Resources confirmed that there were no changes.

**(2) Investment Programme for Solent Airport, Daedalus**

The Executive Member for Policy and Resources was asked if there were any major changes to this decision following the Panel's Pre-Scrutiny of this item at its meeting on 1 March 2022.

The Executive Member for Policy and Resources confirmed that there were no changes.

**11. SCRUTINY PRIORITIES**

The Head of Strategic Sites addressed the Panel on this item and provided members with an update on some items that should be coming forward to the September and October meetings for this year.

She also invited the Panel to put forward suggestions for items that they would like to scrutinise at a future meeting.

Councillor Mrs Bayford requested a site visit to CTECH and CEMAST, as they found the previous visit to the Innovation Centre extremely useful.

Councillor Mrs Mandry requested an update on the implementation of the Aeronautical Ground Lighting scheme, and also requested a further report on the performance of the Council's Airport Operator.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm  
and ended at 7.23 pm).