

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Executive

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Monday, 5 September 2022

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Present:

S D T Woodward, Policy and Resources (Executive Leader)
Miss J Bull, Health & Public Protection
Mrs C L A Hockley, Housing
S D Martin, Planning and Development
Mrs S M Walker, Leisure and Community

Also in attendance:



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were given by the Executive Member for Streetscene, Councillor I J Bastable.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 04 July 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Executive Leader announcements made at this meeting.

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

The following references from other Committees were received at this meeting:

Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee – 25 July 2022**Item 6 – Review of Hackney Carriage Tariff**

A deputation was received in respect of this item from Mr Stephen Wade, Managing Director of Radio Taxis.

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Environmental Health which presented the details and outcome of the public consultation on the Hackney Carriage Tariff and invited members to consider whether an increase in the tariff would be appropriate.

Members noted that, at their own request, the Taxi Trade has not had an increase in tariff for several years as it has been keen to maintain an affordable service to the residents of Fareham. However, due to the increasing cost of living, it was strongly felt that an increase would be appropriate this year.

In discussing the level of increase in the Hackney Carriage Tariff, members felt that it was important to pay high regard to the level of increase requested by the Trade, as they are best placed to understand what will

work best for their industry. The Committee was therefore supportive that the Tariff be increased in line with option ii) as outlined in paragraph 7 of the report.

In discussing the proposed amendments to the Tariff Card, as outlined at paragraph 16 of the report, the Committee felt that no extra charge should be made to customers paying their fare by card but felt that it was reasonable that in the event of a journey including a toll or congestion charge, these should be added to the fare.

RESOLVED that, having considered the responses received from the consultation, the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee:

- (a) considers that an increase in the Hackney Carriage Tariff is appropriate; and
- (b) recommends to the Executive that:
 - i. the Hackney Carriage Tariff be increased to £3.00 pull off plus 20p for each succeeding 170 metres;
 - ii. the Tariff Card be updated to state that no extra charge may be made for making payments by card; and
 - iii. the Tariff Card be updated to state that any toll or congestion charge may be added to the fare.

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

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Panel – 11 July 2022

Item 6 – Capital & Treasury Management Outturn 2021/22

The Panel considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer on the Capital and Treasury Management Outturn 2021/22.

RESOLVED that the Panel recommends that the Executive endorses the Capital and Treasury Management Outturn 2021/22 report when it considers it at its meeting on 5 September 2022

This item was considered at item 11(2) of the agenda.

8. HOUSING

(1) Social Inclusion (homelessness) Services Contribution

RESOLVED that the Executive approves:

- (a) the commissioning of Social Inclusion Services in partnership with HCC from 01 April 2023; and
- (b) a budget allocation of £78,000 per annum from the Homelessness Prevention Grant and Rough Sleeping Initiative funding to fund the

additional investment required to ensure the continuation of homelessness support services in the Borough.

- (2) Fundraising and personalised employment support and private rented sector tenancies for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness

RESOLVED that the Executive approves a 12-month pilot with Beam to benefit 10 council tenants, rough sleepers and those living in temporary accommodation referred to them by the Council's Housing Options Team.

9. HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

- (1) Review of Hackney Carriage Tariff

The comments of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee were taken into account in considering this item.

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees the following changes to the Hackney Carriage Tariff:

- (a) the Hackney Carriage Tariff be increased to £3.00 pull off plus 20p for each succeeding 170 metres;
- (b) the Tariff Card be updated to state that no extra fee may be charged for payments received by card; and
- (c) the Tariff Card be updated to state that any toll or congestion charge may be added to the fare.

10. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

- (1) Salterns recreation ground, Fareham - interim sea defence works

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the proposal to carry out interim sea defence works at Salterns recreation ground, as outlined at paragraph 9 of the report;
- (b) agrees a capital budget of £98,000 to undertake the interim Capital Works once all the necessary procurement and consents have been secured; and
- (c) delegates authority to the Director of Planning and Regeneration to make a direct award of contract for the works.

11. POLICY AND RESOURCES

- (1) General Fund & Housing Revenue Account Outturn 2021/22

A revised page 42 of the agenda pack was tabled at the meeting in respect of this item to amend the recommended carry forward amount to the HRA Capital Programme to £1,563,000 as detailed in the table at paragraph 31 of the report.

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the carry forward of £53,200 to fund the completion of the committed General Fund expenditure programmes in 2022/23, as contained in the report;
- (b) approves the carry forward of £1,563,000 for the HRA Capital Programme to re-align budget and expenditure phasing and to support the forthcoming programme for 2022/23; and
- (c) notes the contents of the report.

(2) Capital & Treasury Management Outturn 2021/22

The comments of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel were taken in to account in considering this item.

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the General Fund capital programme for 2021/22 to be financed as set out the report;
- (b) agrees that the additional expenditure incurred, amounting to £33,971 be financed retrospectively from unallocated capital resources;
- (c) agrees that a capital budget of £224,500 is allocated to fund short term asset management works at the Council Depot; and
- (d) notes the treasury management activity for 2021/22.

(3) Covid Business Grants Final Position

RESOLVED that the Executive notes the content of the report and records its thanks to all Officers involved in the distribution of the grants.

(4) Complaints Procedure

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees the revised Complaints Procedure as attached at Appendix A to the report.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 6.25 pm).