

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2023/24
Decision No.
2453

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 19 June 2023

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Solent Airport Investment Programme
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Maintain and extend prosperity

Purpose:

To review the existing programme of investment at Solent Airport, Daedalus and to consider further investment to address safety and compliance issues and extend the services that the airport offers to its customers.

The existing programme of investment at Solent Airport, Daedalus was approved on 07 March 2022. Much of this work is now in progress however some elements require review.

Further investment in the airport is required to enable its continued safe operation and to continue to deliver the Councils Vision to develop a vibrant and sustainable airfield. The proposed programme of investment in the control tower, fuelling facilities and hangarage is required to support existing airside activities.

Options Considered:

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

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillors N R Gregory and Ms S Pankhurst addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) the Capital Programme allocation for Taxiway Maintenance of £2,700,000 be reduced to £1,700,000;

- (b) the Capital Programme allocation for £1,100,000 for the Aeronautical Ground Lighting System be increased to £2,800,000;
- (c) the Capital Programme allocation of £25,000 for installation of self-fuelling facilities be removed;
- (d) the Capital Programme allocation of £400,000 for aircraft parking be removed;
- (e) £25,000 be added to the Capital Programme for essential repairs to bring Hangar P back into use;
- (f) £165,000 be added to the Capital Programme for new airport fuel supply assets;
- (g) £380,000 be added to the Capital Programme for immediate improvements to the Visual Control Room at the Control Tower on safety grounds; and
- (h) the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, be delegated authority to award contracts for each of the above Schemes.

Reason:

Investment is required both to ensure the continued safe operation of the airport and to maintain and grow the airport's competitive position by removing some of the identified operational constraints. Proposals for investment in the airport are regularly reviewed to ensure that they remain valid and continue to offer appropriate returns.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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