

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Date: Wednesday, 17 July 2024

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor S Dugan (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs J Needham (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs S M Bayford, Mrs P K Hayre, Mrs K Mandry and
D P Wiltshire

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel meeting held 21 February 2024 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTION

There were no declarations of interest 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 providing an overview of the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel. The presentation provided details of the role and function of the Panel and then went into more specific details with regards to the various work streams relating to Daedalus, which fall within the Executive portfolio for Policy and Resources. (A copy of the presentation is appended to these minutes).

RESOLVED that members noted the content of the presentation.

7. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Panel considered the Executive items of business which falls under the remit of the Policy and resources Portfolio, specifically in relation to Daedalus, including Executive Member decisions and Officer delegated decisions that have taken place since the last meeting of the Panel.

The Panel considered the decisions at items 7(1) to 7(3).

(1) Daedalus Vision and Outline Strategy - 2024 Update - Progress and Next Steps

There were no comments received.

(2) Solent Enterprise Zone - Retained Business Rates and Infrastructure Investment Plan

Councillor Mrs P Hayre asked questions in relation to this decision. The Director of Planning and Regeneration confirmed that the Memorandum of Understanding has not yet been signed by all parties, and he will provide a further update on this when appropriate.

(3) CONFIDENTIAL - Sale of Land Parcel at Faraday Business Park, Daedalus

The Panel resolved to go into private session for this item to allow Officers to take questions from members with regard to this decision.

At the end of this item, the Panel resolved to return to public session.

8. SCRUTINY PRIORITIES

The Panel was asked to consider the Scrutiny Priorities for the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel. The Head of Asset Management and Daedalus Programme (Airside) Lead addressed the Panel to provide an overview of a potential work programme, which had been set out to propose how various work streams underway by Officers could be delivered to the Panel throughout the municipal year. The Director of Planning and Regeneration addressed the Panel to confirm that the work programme is flexible and subject to change, but requested that Members consider which items they wish to be brought before them for consideration.

Members asked for three items to be considered for inclusion within the work programme. 1) Fareham Innovation Centre – Annual Operator report (Oxford Innovation); 2) Solent Airport Annual Operator report (RCA); 3) Airport Investment Programme – Delivery Update; 4) Faraday Business Park Development Strategy; 5) Swordfish Business Park Development Strategy; 6) Airport – Procurement of Future Operator; 7) Daedalus Financial and Business Plan. The Director of Planning and Regeneration confirmed that these topics will be incorporated into the work programme as appropriate through the municipal year.

Councillor Mrs Bayford also requested that the Panel have a visit to the Innovation Centre as she found this useful previously. The Director of Planning and Regeneration confirmed that this will be arranged.

Councillor Wiltshire enquired as to whether there were any plans to increase airside revenue and whether this was something that could be reported to the Panel. The Director of Planning and Regeneration provided confirmation that this the Finance and Business Plan item will address this issue as referenced above.

9. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that the public and representatives of the press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the matters to be dealt with

involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

10. PRESENTATION - FAREHAM INNOVATION CENTRE - PROCUREMENT OF FUTURE OPERATOR

The Panel received a presentation from the Daedalus Programme Lead (Airside) on the Procurement of the Future Operator of the Fareham Innovation Centre.

Officers took questions from Members on the presentation.

RESOLVED that the Panel note content of the report.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.03 pm).

..... Chairman

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