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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 07 October 2024

Portfolio:	Policy and Resources
Subject:	Proposals for alterations to security arrangements at Faraday Business Park, Solent Airport, Daedalus
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priorities:	Responsive, Inclusive and Innovative Council Promote Economic Development

Purpose:

To seek Executive approval for a budget to alter the security arrangements at Faraday Business Park, Daedalus.

Executive summary:

The proposed alterations comprise the installation of a new set of security gates which will have the ability to span Spitfire Way, the sole vehicular access into the northern zone of Faraday Business Park, together with an accompanying security hut. It is proposed that the gates are initially operated on an 'as and when' required basis, rather than full-time, although there will be an option for this change in future if required. The proposed works will require planning consent.

Recommendation:

The Executive approves a budget of £35,000 together with the relevant budgets outlined in Appendix A for implementing alterations to security arrangements at Faraday Business Park.

The Executive authorise the Director of Planning and Regeneration following consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources to take any action necessary to resolve associated matters as outlined in Confidential Appendix A

Reason:

To improve security measures on the northern zone of Faraday Business Park, providing a visual and when required, physical deterrent to unauthorised visitors to the Estate.

Cost of proposals:

£35,000 plus the cost of resolving any associated matters as outlined in Confidential Appendix A.

Appendices: **A: Confidential Appendix**

Public Interest Test: It is not in the public interest to disclose the full contents of this report as doing so would prejudice the Council's ability to achieve best value when spending public monies.

Background papers: None

Reference papers: None

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Executive Briefing Paper

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Briefing by:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
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Background and Introduction

1. Faraday Business Park, Daedalus comprises two zones, north and south. The south accommodates the innovation area, the new Bristow Helicopter scheme and an expansion area for development. It is accessed from the main Daedalus Drive / Broom Way junction. The northern zone has been partially developed with business units but has larger areas of undeveloped land which the Council continues to promote for development. The sole vehicular accessway is Spitfire Way, the Council's private estate road which connects to the main adopted highway, Broom Way.
2. In terms of security on the Business Park, the northern zone is seen as the most vulnerable area to unauthorised access. Whilst the Council has a security contractor to undertake intermittent patrols across this area at a cost to the service charge of slightly more than £10,000 per annum, there is currently no barrier at the entrance to physically prevent access.
3. The Council have annual problems with travellers in the Borough and in May 2024, unauthorised visitors had to be removed at a cost from Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Park. This directly adjoins the northern zone of Faraday Business Park. In addition, there have been intermittent issues with illegal car meets on the northern zone of Faraday Business Park, the former airfield taxiways being an attraction. This has been not just an anti-social nuisance but is also a potential health and safety risk to attendees as well as Park occupiers.
4. The Council require the ability to control access into the Business Park when it is considered there is an increased risk of trespass.

Proposal

5. The proposed security works have been designed around existing constraints including proximity to the adopted highway and the routes of existing utilities into the Business Park. The scope of the works will be defined as development in planning law and will therefore require planning consent.
6. The works are to comprise:
 - A standalone single person occupancy security kiosk prefabricated and of glass reinforced plastic construction.
 - Vehicle barrier – two bespoke 1.2 m high single leaf gates positioned on either side of Spitfire Way. The gates will be of metal construction and spray coated yellow to match the existing barrier gates inside the Business Park.
7. The kiosk will be positioned adjacent to an existing streetlight on Spitfire Way to provide nighttime visibility for a guard and any tenants/visitors approaching the Park.
8. The gates will only be closed when there is a perceived risk of trespassers, and the security kiosk will also be used during these times.
9. The Council's Enforcement Manager is supportive of measures to improve the security of Council held assets.
10. The cost of the works are budgeted at £35,000. It is intended this will be funded from capital receipts generated at Daedalus.

Enquiries:

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