

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Date: Monday, 6 January 2025

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Miss T Harper (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs P K Hayre (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: C A Bainbridge, Mrs L E Clubley, Mrs K Mandry,
Mrs J Needham and K Wiltshire

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2024 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

(1) Food Waste Collection Service

There were no comments or questions for clarification in respect of this item.

(2) Vehicle Replacement Programme Annual Review 2024

There were no comments or questions for clarifications in respect of this item.

7. OPPORTUNITIES PLAN UPDATE

The Panel received a report by the Assistant Director (Finance and ICT) which presented an update on the current Opportunities Plan for particular projects linked to the Streetscene portfolio. Members were asked to consider and comment on the report and to propose any new ideas they may have had in a workshop preceding the meeting.

There were no questions or comments put forward in respect of this item, however it was noted that the comments put forward at the preceding workshop meeting would be put forward to the Executive when the Opportunities Plan is brought forward for consideration.

RESOLVED that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel considered and commented on the progress of the current Opportunities Plan projects, as detailed above.

8. FAREHAM IN BLOOM

The Panel received a presentation by the Public Spaces Operations Manager which provided a history of Fareham in Bloom for information. A copy of the presentation slides is attached as Appendix A to these minutes.

Councillor Bainbridge put forward her thanks to the Public Spaces Operations Manager for an informative presentation and commented that the Service appears to provide good value for money, particularly in respect of the pride felt in the local community.

RESOLVED that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the presentation.

9. EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITIES

The Panel received a presentation by the Head of Streetscene which provided background information on the Extended Producer Responsibilities. The presentation also explained what businesses in scope are required to do and highlighted the implications for Fareham Borough Council. A copy of the presentation slides is attached as Appendix B to these minutes.

Councillor Mrs Hayre raised a query regarding the impact that fluctuating business levels across the Borough might have on the level of payments the Council receives and was advised that, as it is national scheme, payment levels are linked to business contributions collected nationally rather than linked to just the Fareham local area.

RESOLVED that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the presentation.

10. TRADE WASTE SERVICES 2025-2028

The Panel received a report by the Director of Neighbourhoods which presented proposed changes to the Council's Trade Waste Services for 2025-2028. Members were invited to consider the proposed changes and to put forward observations or comments to the Executive to take into account when the item is considered at its meeting on 13 January 2025.

In presenting the report, the Director of Neighbourhoods advised the Panel that recommendation (f) as shown in the Executive report presented for comment by Members was not applicable for comment as matters relating to staffing levels are the remit of the Chief Executive Officer and not a matter for consideration by the Executive.

Councillor Bainbridge commented that the report was very comprehensive and well-presented and provided all the detail that was needed for the decision to be considered.

There were no other comments or questions put forward by the Panel.

RESOLVED that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel considered the Trade Waste Services 2025-2028 report and put forward the observation, as detailed above, to the Executive to take into account at the meeting on 13 January 2025.

11. STREETSCENE SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

Members considered and noted the scrutiny priorities for the Panel and had no further topics to put forward at the present time for future consideration.

RESOLVED that the scrutiny priorities for the Panel were reviewed.

(The meeting started at 6.04 pm
and ended at 6.42 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date