

# FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

**Date:** Thursday, 16 January 2025

**Venue:** Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor** S Dugan (Chairman)

**Councillor** Mrs J Needham (Vice-Chairman)

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

**Also  
Present:**



**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies of absence for this meeting.

**2. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 14 October 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 - AIRPORT INVESTMENT PROGRAMME DELIVERY UPDATE**

The Panel received a presentation from the Daedalus Programme Lead (Airside) on an update to the airport investment programme. (A copy of this presentation is appended to these minutes).

Councillor Mrs Hayre enquired as to what specifically the additional budget spend on AGL was in relation to. The Daedalus Programme Lead (Airside) confirmed that the additional spend was in relation to unforeseen issues that arose during the installation of the equipment.

Councillor Mrs Mandry asked if there was a new cabin ready for the Spitfires if they want to relocate to a different location. The Director of Planning and Regeneration confirmed that there is a desire from the Council to relocate them to a more suitable location, but they are waiting on a commitment from Spitfires before proceeding.

RESOLVED that the Panel: -

- (i) Thank the Daedalus Programme Lead (Airside) for his very information presentation; and
- (ii) Notes the content of the presentation.

**7. SCRUTINY PRIORITIES**

The Director of Planning and Regeneration addressed the Panel on this item and confirmed the items coming forward to the next meeting of the Panel in

March as follows: update on Faraday Business Park, update on Swordfish Business Park, update on Fareham Innovation Centre operator procurement.

He then invited Members to put forward suggestions of any items of scrutiny that the Panel would like to look at in future meetings.

The Chairman addressed the Panel and put forward the following suggestions for the next Municipal Year 205/26):

July 2025 meeting – update on planning progress in relation to PVC Storage Units;

November 2025 meeting – update on progression of the Bristow's development;

January 2026 meeting – update on AGL system performance during 2025 and potential commissioning of Performance Based Navigation.

Councillor Mrs Needham also requested for the next meeting of the Panel (March 2025) that an item on a high-level overview of the financial performance of the whole Daedalus site over the 10-year period since the Council purchased the site.

The Director of Planning and Regeneration confirmed that these items can be brought to future meetings of the Panel.

## **8. 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 least meeting of the Panel.

The Panel considered the decision at 8(1).

### **(1) Proposals for alterations to security arrangements at Faraday Business Park**

There were no comments received.

## **9. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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, of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

## **10. PRESENTATION - AIRPORT OPERATOR PROCUREMENT UPDATE**

The Panel received a presentation from the Daedalus Programme Lead (Airside) on an update of the procurement progress for the Airfield Operator.

RESOLVED that the Panel note the content of the presentation.

(The meeting started at 6.05 pm

and ended at 6.47 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date