

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

**Date:** Tuesday, 21 January 2025

**Venue:** Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor** M J Ford (Chairman)

**Councillor** Mrs L M Birkett (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:** Mrs P M Bryant, D G Foot, Miss T Harper, G Furnivall and A West

**Also Present:** Cllr D P Wiltshire (Item 7) and Cllr Miss J Burton, Executive Member for Health and Public Protection (Item 10)



**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies of interest for this meeting.

**2. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 8 October 2024 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made the following announcement:

Members will recall that at our last meeting we were due to have a presentation from Peter Ridley, Chief Executive of Portsmouth University Hospitals but unfortunately he had to cancel at the last minute.

It was hoped that he would attend this meeting of the Panel instead, however, it has come to light that Peter is no longer working for Portsmouth University Hospitals and he will therefore not be attending any future meeting of the Panel.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OR ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS**

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

**5. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

**6. OPPORTUNITIES PLAN UPDATE**

The Panel considered a report by the Policy, Research and Engagement Manager which provided an update on the Opportunities Plan that is being developed for 2025/26.

RESOLVED that the Panel notes the content of the report.

**7. PORTCHESTER FORESHORE MANAGEMENT**

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Neighbourhoods which sets out the Council's planned approach to managing the impact of coastal erosion between Alton Grove and Cador Drive.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor D Wiltshire addressed the Panel on this item. He requested whether it would be possible to erect signage highlighting where there is a risk of erosion to better inform the public. The Director of Neighbourhoods informed the Panel that the risk referred to in the report had not identified this as a need at present. However, this will be reviewed periodically and may be considered appropriate at a later date. The

Head of Environmental Health confirmed that the new joint approach in undertaking site inspections will assist in managing this risk much more effectively and will ensure that action is taken promptly where necessary.

RESOLVED that the Panel: -

- (a) notes the content of the report; and
- (b) recommends the Executive endorses the recommendations, as set out in the Executive report, at its meeting on 3 February 2025.

## **8. AIR QUALITY STRATEGY 2025 - 2030**

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Neighbourhoods on the draft Air Quality Strategy 2025-2030, which fulfils the statutory requirement to publish an Air Quality Strategy following the revocation of both Air Quality Management Areas in the Borough.

Councillor Furnivall enquired as to whether any consultation is undertaken with the Hampshire Public Health team. The Head of Environmental Health confirmed that the Council does work with Public Health and that they form part of the public consultation for this strategy.

Councillor West enquired as to whether there was any scope to erecting signage to inform drivers to switch off their engines when in stationary traffic. The Head of Environmental Health addressed the Panel on this point and explained that most newer cars already have this function built in and therefore any signage would be of limited effect.

RESOLVED that the Panel: -

- (i) notes the content of the report; and
- (ii) recommends that the Executive endorses the recommendation that the draft Air Quality Strategy 2025 – 2030 is approved for consultation at their meeting on 3 February 2025.

## **9. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

The Panel considered the Executive items of business which fall under the remit of the Health and Public Protection Portfolio, including Executive Member decisions and Officer delegated decisions, that have taken place since the last meeting of the Panel on 8 October 2024.

### **(1) Food Safety Service Plan 2024-2026**

There were no comments received.

## **10. HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES**

The Director of Neighbourhoods addressed the Panel on this item to confirm the proposed items of business for the March 2025 meeting of the Panel, as well as items that are proposed for meetings in the next municipal year.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Miss J Burton, Executive Member for Health and Public Protection addressed the Panel on this item.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm  
and ended at 6.47 pm).

..... Chairman

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