

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING

RECORD OF THE DECISION MAKING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2024

Present:

Councillor Fielker	-	Leader
Councillor Letts	-	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Change
Councillor Bogel	-	Cabinet Member for Economic Development
Councillor Finn	-	Cabinet Member for Adults and Health
Councillor A Frampton	-	Cabinet Member for Housing
Councillor Kataria	-	Cabinet Member for Communities and Leisure
Councillor Keogh	-	Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor Renyard	-	Cabinet Member for Safer City
Councillor Winning	-	Cabinet Member for Children and Learning

29. EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

The following Executive Appointments were made:-

- CITY OF CULTURE TRUST – CLLR FIELKER TO REPLACE CLLR KAUR
- SOUTHAMPTON HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP – CLLR FINN TO REPLACE CLLR KAUR
- LEARNING DISABILITIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD – CLLR FINN TO REPLACE CLLR FIELKER
- INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIP – CLLR FINN TO REPLACE CLLR FIELKER
- BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT BOARD – CLLR FIELKER TO REPLACE CLLR KAUR
- SOUTHAMPTON CONNECT – CLLR FINN TO REPLACE CLLR KAUR
- LOCAL SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD – CLLR FINN TO REPLACE CLLR FIELKER
- HAMPSHIRE PARTNERSHIP – CLLR FIELKER TO REPLACE CLLR KAUR
- SOUTHAMPTON 2025 – CLLR FIELKER TO REPLACE CLLR KAUR
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – CLLR FIELKER TO REPLACE CLLR KAUR

- PARTNERSHIP FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE – CLLR LETTS TO REPLACE CLLR KAUR AND BECOME DEPUTY IN PLACE OF CLLR FIELKER WHO BECOMES THE LEAD MEMBER
- SOLENT LOCAL ENTERPRISE BOARD – CLLR FIELKER TO REPLACE CLLR KAUR
- SOLENT GROWTH FORUM – CLLR FIELKER TO REPLACE CLLR KAUR
- SOLENT LEP – SKILLS AND ADVISORY BOARD – CLLR FIELKER TO REPLACE CLLR KAUR
- ARTS COUNCIL – CLLR FIELKER TO REPLACE CLLR KAUR
- RENAISSANCE BOARD – CLLR FIELKER TO REPLACE CLLR KAUR
- SIGOMA (SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES) – CLLR FIELKER TO REPLACE CLLR KAUR

30. PORTSWOOD BROADWAY NEXT STEPS

DECISION MADE: (CAB 23/24 43623)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) To note that the Portswood Broadway Transforming Cities Fund scheme second phase of consultation has happened and is used as an opportunity for stakeholders to express their views on the proposal, supported by additional information provided;
- (ii) To note that a “You Said / We Did” response has been prepared for the main themes in the consultation results to assist in shaping a recommendation for the scheme;
- (iii) To note that there is support for the scheme to limit the amount of through route traffic using Portswood Broadway via the use of a bus gate / motor vehicle restriction, accompanied with measures to limit the impact on adjacent streets via an Active Travel Zone;
- (iv) To progress the scheme with the approval for a trial of a part time bus gate / motor vehicle restriction on Portswood Broadway via an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order, with measures to limit the impact on adjacent streets via an Active Travel Zone (ATZ) to be in place ahead of the trial. Delegation is given to Executive Director Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member Environment and Transport to progress associated detailed design and Traffic Regulation Orders to enable the scheme trial and Active Travel Zone to be delivered;
- (v) To establish a co-design group to inform design decisions for Portswood Broadway to address issues raised from the consultation; and

- (vi) A budget allocation of £500k for the trial is made from the capital programme budget of £2.9M. This budget would be subject to confirmation from the DfT on remaining grant award for the TCF programme.

31. ITCHEN BRIDGE TOLL CHANGES

DECISION MADE: (CAB 23/24 42532)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) To remove the Off Peak charging classification from the Itchen Bridge Toll for Class 2 vehicles and introduce a single charge band for all trips.
- (ii) To implement an increase in the Itchen Bridge toll paid by Class 4 vehicles from £25 to £40 and an increase in the associated concessionary rate (for Class 4 vehicles accessing the Local Concession Zone) from £2 to £3.

32. E-SCOOTER TRIAL EXTENSION

DECISION MADE: (CAB 23/24 43580)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) To approve the renewal of the Vehicle Special Order (VSO) for Southampton's rental e-scooter trial until 31 May 2026, in accordance with the DfT's new end date for its national trials. To delegate authority to the Executive Director Place, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport and Section 15 officer, to amend further e-scooter trial end dates if changes are made to the DfT national trial.
- (ii) To approve Southampton City Council participating in a Solent Transport led procurement to select a sole micromobility operator from summer 2024 onwards.
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director for Place, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport and Section 151 officer, to implement the rental e-scooter trial within the parameters established by the VSO and the DfT, and for Southampton City Council to enter into an operating contract with the highest scoring tenderer identified through the procurement.

33. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY AND BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY

DECISION MADE: (CAB 23/24 43585)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) To adopt the Green Infrastructure Strategy and Biodiversity Strategy.

34. ENERGY PROCUREMENT CONTRACT

DECISION MADE: (CAB 23/24 43547)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Cabinet approved the following:

Modified recommendation (i)

- (i) To recommend to Council, the approval of the procurement of the council's energy needs via the Laser Energy Procurement Framework 2024 through to September 2028, and
- (ii) To give delegated approval to the Executive Director of Place following consultation with the Executive Director Corporate Services (S151) to undertake the following recommendations;
- (iii) To enter into appropriate Customer Access Agreements through the Laser Framework for the supply of electricity, gas, and ancillary services;
- (iv) To procure and award a call off contract under a Laser framework agreement for the Council's (including partners) gas and electricity supplies for a term of up to four years for the period 2024-2028; and
- (v) To approve the in-contract purchasing options and additional ancillary services under the Laser Framework.

35. PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR OFFER POLICY

DECISION MADE: (CAB 23/24 41393)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health, Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) To approve the Private Rented Sector Offer Policy.
- (ii) That, following consultation with the Cabinet Housing, the Executive Director of Wellbeing and Housing be given delegated authority to make minor and non-substantive amendments to the policy, as appropriate.

36. CORPORATE RENT GUARANTOR POLICY FOR CARE EXPERIENCED YOUNG PEOPLE

DECISION MADE: (CAB 23/24 41395)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Children and Learning, Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) To approve the pilot Corporate Rent Guarantor Policy for Care Experienced Young People; and
- (ii) That the policy is returned to Cabinet after the pilot period has ended, in January 2025, to decide whether to pursue the policy.

37. SACRE - APPROVAL OF CONSTITUTION 2023-24

DECISION MADE: (CAB 23/24 40240)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Children and Learning, Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) Recommendation to confirm membership status of Southampton City Mission in Group A; and
- (ii) Subsequent to the decision of recommendation (i) above to approve the revised SACRE constitution attached at Appendix 1.

38. URGENT RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT AND TRANSFORMATION ACTIVITIES

DECISION MADE: (CAB 23/24 44752)

On consideration of the report of the Leader, Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) To note the attached report detailing the urgent decision taken under delegated urgent decision powers by the Chief Executive on 22nd December, 2023.