



# FAREHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

CIVIC OFFICES CIVIC WAY FAREHAM HAMPSHIRE

## Minutes of the Health and Environment Overview Panel

*Minutes of a meeting held on 9 September 2003  
at the Civic Offices, Fareham*

**PRESENT:**

Councillor B Bayford  
(Chairman)

Councillor Mrs P M Bryant  
(Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:** J S Forrest (deputising for Councillor Miss C S Hester), Mrs R A Godrich, T G Knight, D J Norris and D C Savage

**Also present:** Councillor L Keeble (minutes 5, 6 and 7)

**1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Miss C S Hester.

**2. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Environment Overview Panel held on 15 July 2003 be confirmed and signed as a correct record. ([he-030715-m](#)).

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised the Panel that a free conference would be held on mental health issues, at the Portsmouth Marriott Hotel, on 25 September

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2003. The conference, titled "In Your Write Mind – Mind, Media and Myths" would feature BBC South Today and The News and the key speaker would be Zena Atkins, the Chair of Portsmouth Primary Health Care Trust.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct, the following members declared interests in the matters indicated:-

| Councillor  | Subject  | Nature of Interest                              | Minute No. |
|-------------|--|---|------------|
| J S Forrest | Peel Common Waste Water Treatment Works                          | Member of the Peel Common Odour Forum           | 10         |
| T G Knight  | Review and Update Of Recycling Plan Following External Challenge | Deputy member, Project Integra Management Board | 7          |
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**5. NOTICE OF MOTION – WELL-MAN CAMPAIGN**

The Panel gave consideration to the following motion which was presented to Council on 19 June 2003 by Councillor D J Norris, seconded by Councillor S R Clark and had been referred to this Panel for comment prior to its determination by the Executive:-

"That this Council, noting that the incidence of prostate cancer in men is nearly as high as breast cancer in women, will, together with the Local Health Authority and the new Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust, promote a well-man campaign on similar lines to the well-woman campaign successfully run in the past."

Councillor Norris addressed members on the Motion, which was due to be considered by the Executive at its meeting on 22 September 2003.

The Executive Members for Health and Environment, Councillor L Keeble also addressed the Panel on the motion.

It was AGREED that the Executive be informed that the Panel supports the Motion concerning the promotion of well-man initiatives which have already been included within the Council's Health Improvement Programme at the previous Panel meeting and also endorses any action proposed by the Government in support of increased financial provision to Primary Care Trusts for prostate cancer screening.

## 6. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (NHS) OVERVIEW PANEL

The Panel received an information report from the Chairman, Councillor B Bayford on the meetings of the County Council's NHS Overview Panel since its

inception in January 2003 (copy of report [he-030909-r07-bba](#), circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

The Panel also received a note from the Chairman, at the meeting, on the proposed private finance initiative (PFI) for the future redevelopment of the Queen Alexandra Hospital (QAH). The Panel was also informed that the Director of Corporate and Community Strategy had subsequently written to the Director of Planning for Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust raising several points on the discussion paper issued on the proposed redevelopment of the QAH site, including:-

- consultation arrangements.
- confirmation of the responsible authority for carrying out any redevelopment.
- confirmation that the new responsible authority was committed to previously agreed key decisions as raised by the Borough Council.
- the content of the proposed facilities.
- car-parking problems.
- finance (PFI), especially the mortgaging proposals.
- staffing and the maintenance of standards.
- the effect on other facilities planned for the area.
- local accident and emergency provision.
- centralising maternity services at QAH and the further effects on parking.

The Executive Member for Health and Environment, Councillor L Keeble, informed the Panel that all the Executive members had been made aware of the content of the letter.

It was AGREED:-

- (a) that the Executive be also informed that the Panel considers it particularly important that the Borough Council should continue to press for an assurance that the new "responsible authority" for health services in the area is still committed to the key decisions previously agreed for the provision of health care and other planned facilities in the community of Fareham and that such proposals will not suffer as a result of any future redevelopment of the Queen Alexandra Hospital site; and
- (b) that the Executive be informed that, should the Executive consider it appropriate, the Panel would support a proposal for a seminar to be held for all members of the Council on the working structure of the Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust and how this links into The Strategic Health Authority and other Primary Care Trusts within the area. The seminar would also cover the various health provision initiatives that affect the quality and delivery of health care to the residents of the Borough.

## **7. REVIEW AND UPDATE OF RECYCLING PLAN FOLLOWING EXTERNAL CHALLENGE**

The Panel received a report by the Director of Leisure and Environment on the progress of the Review of the Recycling Plan (copy of report [he-030909-r06-sha](#), circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

The Panel was informed that the key areas for action had now been identified and these were set out in Appendix 4 of the report. The views of the Panel were being sought as to whether those key areas should now be incorporated into the Recycling Plan.

The Panel discussed the Recycling Plan and the proposed updates. Members raised general issues relating to recycling and, in particular, discussion took place on the collection of glass waste, including methods of collection and health and safety issues. The Executive Member for Health and Environment, Councillor L Keeble informed the Panel that investigations were currently in progress into the options available for kerb-side collection in order to evaluate the best way forward.

It was AGREED:-

- (a) that the key areas identified for action and improvement and inclusion in the recycling plan, as set out in Appendix 4 to the report now submitted, be endorsed by the Panel and recommended to the Executive in due course; and
- (b) that the Executive be recommended to add:-
  - (i) the words "if economic" after the words "staff time" under the cost column of the Buy Recycled heading in Appendix 1 to the report (Action Plan 2003-08).
  - (ii) the words "More recycling facilities in particular" after the word "Develop" in the heading Develop Glass and Textile Recycling Sites at Schools, under the Identified Key Area for Improvement column of Appendix 4 to the report (Key Areas Identified for Inclusion in the Recycling Plan).
  - (iii) an additional identified key area of improvement to Appendix 4 to the report (Key Areas Identified for Inclusion in the Recycling Plan), entitled "Waste Minimisation Initiatives and the Recycling of Material capable of Refurbishment/Re-use".

## **8. CONTAMINATED LAND INSPECTION STRATEGY**

The Panel considered an information report by the Chief Health and Regulatory Services Officer on the Council's Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy (copy of report [he-030909-r01-wha](#), circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

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It was AGREED:-

- (a) that the progress made on implementing the Inspection Strategy be noted and that the officers responsible be thanked for their efforts in progressing the development of the Strategy; and
- (b) that having regard to the wide ranging impact of the Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy, a seminar for members of the Panel be arranged to take place before a future meeting.

**9. AIR QUALITY REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT**

The Panel considered an information report by the Chief Health and Regulatory Services Officer on the first stage of the mandatory air quality review and assessment process; a two stage investigation of air quality within Fareham Borough (copy of report [he-030909-r03-hcu](#), circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

The Chief Officer informed the Panel that the £8000 pollution budget for the current year 2003/04 would be underspent and that subject to approval, the balance remaining could be carried forward into 2004/05 to fund continuing air quality work.

It was AGREED:-

- (a) that the Executive be requested to approve the carrying forward of any under-spending on the 2003/04 pollution budget of £8000 into 2004/05 to fund continuing air quality work; and
- (b) that the Executive be also requested to emphasise to planning and highways officers the importance of recognising the effect of development and highway works such as road junctions, street canyons, etc on air quality, at the design stage of any such proposed development and highway works.

**10. PEEL COMMON SEWAGE TREATMENT**

The Panel considered a report by the Chief Health and Regulatory Services Officer on the current situation relating to the control of odours from the operation of the Peel Common waste water treatment works (copy of report [he-030909-r04-gwh](#), circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

It was AGREED that the update on the current situation relating to the control of odours from the operation of the Peel Common waste water treatment works be noted and that the Peel Common Odour Forum and the Council's Officers be thanked for their work on this matter.

## 11. OVERVIEW PANEL – WORK PROGRAMME

The Panel reviewed its work programme for the year as agreed at the last meeting (copy of report [he-030909-r05-cbe](#), circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

It was AGREED:-

- (a) that the Clean and Tidy Borough Best Value Review be deleted from the Programme for 2 March 2004; and
- (b) that Air Quality Review and Assessment be deleted from the Programme for 4 November 2003.

(The meeting started at 6.00pm  
and ended at 7.45pm)