

# CABINET

Report of the meeting held on Tuesday, 17th March, 2026 at the Council Offices, Farnborough at 7.00 pm.

## **Voting Members**

Cllr Gareth Williams, Leader of the Council  
Cllr Sophie Porter, Deputy Leader and Healthy Communities & Active Lives Portfolio Holder

Cllr Gaynor Austin, Finance & Resources Portfolio Holder  
Cllr Keith Dibble, Housing & Planning Portfolio Holder  
Cllr Christine Guinness, Pride in Place / Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder  
Cllr Julie Hall, Economy, Skills & Regeneration Portfolio Holder

The Cabinet considered the following matters at the above-mentioned meeting. All executive decisions of the Cabinet shall become effective, subject to the call-in procedure, from **30th March, 2026**.

## 76. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –**

Having regard to the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors, no declarations of interest were made.

## 77. **MINUTES –**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 3rd March, 2026 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

## 78. **BUDGET MANAGEMENT - MONTH 10 –**

(Cllr Gaynor Austin, Finance & Resources Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. FIN2611, which set out an update on the Council's forecasted financial position for 2025/26, as at the end of January, 2026.

Members were reminded that the Council had a statutory obligation to set and maintain a balanced budget. It was reported that, in February 2025, the Council had identified a significant challenge to its future financial sustainability. Members were informed that the forecast outturn for 2025/26 was on track, with the full £1.8 million savings requirement achieved. The report set out a number of key service variations, mostly where service budgets had been underspent. It was confirmed that, overall, the financial position over the period of the Medium Term Financial Strategy continued to be challenging, with progress being made. Officers would continue to monitor the situation closely and would provide regular updates to Members.

The Cabinet was pleased with the progress that had been made in addressing the Council's challenging financial position.

**The Cabinet RESOLVED** that

- (i) the revenue budget forecast, as set out in Section 3 of Report No. FIN2611, be noted;
- (ii) the write offs, as set out in Section 4 of the Report, be approved; and
- (iii) the capital budget forecast, as set out in Section 5 of the Report, be noted.

79. **BUSINESS RATES - SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS RATES RELIEF 2026 AND PUBS AND LIVE MUSIC VENUE RELIEF 2026/27 –**  
(Cllr Gaynor Austin, Finance & Resources Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. FIN2612, which set out two new schemes of relief that had been announced by the Government in relation to business rates payable by small businesses and pubs and live music venues.

Members were informed that Supporting Small Business Rates Relief Scheme would provide support to businesses experiencing significant increases in business rates payable as a result of the national 2026 Non-Domestic Rating Revaluation. The Pubs and Live Music Venues Relief Scheme would provide support to eligible premises in the form of a 15% relief on 2026-27 liabilities. Both reliefs would be delivered using the Council's Discretionary Relief Powers, under Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and it was confirmed that the Council would be reimbursed for all relief awarded under these schemes.

**The Cabinet RESOLVED** that

- (i) the adoption of the local Supporting Small Business Rates Relief Policy for reducing business rates liability, as set out in Report No. FIN2612, be approved;
- (ii) the adoption of the local Pubs and Live Music Venues Relief 2026/27 Policy, as set out in the Report, be approved; and
- (iii) the Finance & Resources Portfolio Holder, in consultation with the Revenue Manager (Council Tax and Business Rates), be authorised to determine the awards of relief and to resolve any disputes regarding eligibility for Support Small Business Rates Relief and Pubs and Live Music Venues Relief.

80. **COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT - GRANT SCHEMES –**  
(Cllr Sophie Porter, Healthy Communities & Active Lives Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. ED2604, which set out an overview of the Pride in Place and Supporting Communities grants for the 2024/25 financial year.

Members were informed that the purpose of the report was to show the impact of the funded projects and to demonstrate how the grants had contributed to the delivery of the Council's priorities.

The Cabinet was pleased that the grants had had a demonstrable effect within the local community and expressed thanks to the Community Team that had administered the schemes.

**The Cabinet NOTED** the findings of Report No. ED2604, along with the published annual reports, which showcased the grant recipients, the outcomes achieved through the grants and the impact on the local community.

81. **REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY IN RESPECT OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 –**  
(Cllr Christine Guinness, Pride in Place / Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. OS2607, which set out changes to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy in respect of the Licensing Act 2003

Members were advised that a review of the Statement of Licensing Policy document was now overdue and had been carried out in light of changes to legislation and guidance. It was confirmed that a public consultation exercise had been carried out, as required by legislation. Comments received as a result of the exercise had been considered and, where appropriate, amendments had been made to the proposed Statement of Licensing Policy. Furthermore, it was explained that the consultation exercise had included reference to the introduction of a proposed cumulative impact policy for Aldershot town centre and that this option had received support.

In discussing the proposed changes, Members felt that the proposed changes would enable the Licensing Objectives to be upheld effectively.

**The Cabinet RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL** that the proposed policy and cumulative impact assessment, as set out in Report No. OS2607, be approved with immediate effect.

82. **RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (LAND AND BUILDINGS) AND COMMUNITY RENTS AND SUBSIDY POLICY –**  
(Cllr Julie Hall, Economy, Skills & Regeneration Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. PG2604, which set out a proposed Asset Management Strategy (AMS) for the Council.

Members were informed that the purpose of the AMS was to provide a clear corporate framework for the management of the Council's land and buildings estate. Another function of the AMS was to align estate decisions with the Council's Delivery Plan, financial sustainability objectives and risk appetite. This update of the AMS was introducing a structured categorisation of assets, a governance framework for estate decisions and a financial and performance monitoring approach to support transparency and accountability. Also included in the report was a revised Community Asset Rents and Subsidy Policy for approval. This sought to address community concerns around the increase of rents in respect of community-based organisations and would ensure that the Council was not reducing rents to an uneconomical level.

The Cabinet expressed gratitude for the work that had been carried out in reviewing this important element of the Council's operations.

**The Cabinet RESOLVED** that

- (i) the Asset Management Strategy (AMS), as set out in Appendix 1 of Report No. PG2604, be approved;
- (ii) the supporting governance and financial framework, as set out in Appendices A to C of the AMS, be approved;
- (iii) the relevant Executive Head, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and relevant statutory officer, be authorised to make minor amendments to the AMS to reflect legislative, financial or organisational changes; and
- (iv) the Community Asset Rent and Subsidy Policy, as set out in Appendix D of the AMS, be approved.

**83. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC –**

**RESOLVED:** That, taking into account the public interest test, the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the under mentioned items to avoid the disclosure of exempt information within the paragraphs of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 indicated against the items:

<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Schedule 12A Para. Nos.</b>	<b>Category</b>
84	1,3 & 4	Information relating to an individual, financial or business affairs or labour relations
85	3	Information relating to financial or business affairs

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE CONSIDERED  
IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC**

**84. STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS –**  
(Mr Ian Harrison, Interim Managing Director)

The Cabinet considered Exempt Report No. MD2601, which set out an update on work underway to put in place new strategic management arrangements.

Members were informed that these new arrangements would enable the Council to maintain services, ensure that the Council Delivery Plan 2026-28 was delivered, the Council's financial positions were appropriately overseen and to manage the impact of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). The exempt report set out the work undertaken to date and the next steps for ensuring that appropriate management structures were implemented with the minimum of disruption, recognising the multiple pressures facing the Council's workforce.

The Cabinet was satisfied that the proposals set out provided the best option to enable the Council to tackle the current significant challenges.

**The Cabinet NOTED**

- (i) the work undertaken to date and the next steps to put in place new strategic management arrangements for the Council, as set out in Exempt Report No. MD2601;
- (ii) that the Council's Licensing and Business Committee would be requested to:
  - approve a further extension to Ian Harrison's appointment as Interim Managing Director and Head of Paid Service until 31st August, 2026;
  - recommend to the Council that Ian Harrison, Interim Managing Director, continue to be designated as the Council's Head of Paid Service until 31st August, 2026, the role to include the statutory responsibilities of Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer; and
  - recommend to the Council the position of Executive Head of Governance & Law as the Council's designated Monitoring Officer.

85. **DISPOSAL OF NO. 101 HAWLEY LANE, FARNBOROUGH –**  
(Cllr Julie Hall, Economy, Skills & Regeneration Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Exempt Report No. PG2608, which provided an update in relation to the Council's disposal of the freehold interest in No. 101 Hawley Lane, Farnborough following revised terms.

Members were reminded that this disposal had been approved by the Cabinet at its meeting on 16th September, 2025. It was reported that, during the due diligence process, a number of additional cost items and risks with the site development had been identified by the purchaser. This had resulted in a revised offer that was lower than the previously agreed level.

The Cabinet expressed support for the proposed approach to accept this lower offer on the basis that it still represented the best value to the Council in relation to this site.

**The Cabinet RESOLVED** that

- (i) in principle and subject to final legal due diligence, the disposal of the freehold interest in No. 101 Hawley Lane, Farnborough, as set out in Exempt Report No. PG2608, be approved;
- (ii) in principle and subject to final legal due diligence, the disposal of the St. John's Ambulance freehold linked to the disposal of the freehold interest in No. 101 Hawley Lane, Farnborough, as set out in the Exempt Report, be approved; and
- (iii) the Executive Head of Property and Growth, in consultation with the Executive Head of Finance, Monitoring Officer and Corporate Manager – Legal Services and the Economy, Skills & Regeneration Portfolio Holder, be authorised to confirm the final terms of the disposal.

The Meeting closed at 7.53 pm.

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# CABINET

Report of the meeting held on Tuesday, 21st April, 2026 at the Council Offices, Farnborough at 7.00 pm.

## **Voting Members**

Cllr Gareth Williams, Leader of the Council  
Cllr Sophie Porter, Deputy Leader and Healthy Communities & Active Lives Portfolio Holder

Cllr Keith Dibble, Housing & Planning Portfolio Holder  
Cllr Christine Guinness, Pride in Place / Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder  
Cllr Julie Hall, Economy, Skills & Regeneration Portfolio Holder

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Gaynor Austin.

The Cabinet considered the following matters at the above-mentioned meeting. All executive decisions of the Cabinet shall become effective, subject to the call-in procedure, from **5th May, 2026**.

### 86. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –**

Having regard to the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors, no declarations of interest were made.

### 87. **MINUTES –**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 17th March, 2026 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

### 88. **ARMED FORCES DAY NATIONAL EVENT 2026 - UPDATE –** (Cllr Sophie Porter, Healthy Communities & Active Lives Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. ED2605, which set out an update on progress with planning for the Armed Forces Day National Event 2026, along with a revised budget position that was required to ensure the safe and successful delivery of the event.

Members were reminded that the Council, working in partnership with the Ministry of Defence and local shareholders, had secured the opportunity to host this prestigious event, bringing significant economic, social and community benefits to the Borough. The Cabinet, at its meeting in November, 2025, had agreed to underwrite the cost of the event and had approved proposals for seeking sponsorship to cover the costs of running the event. Members were informed that, as the Council had gained a clearer understanding of the scale, security and specialist infrastructure required to deliver an event of national significance to the expected standard, it had become clear that the budget would need to be updated to more accurately reflect the operational, safety and logistical demands involved. It was confirmed that considerable commercial sponsorship and in-kind support had

already been secured, with further opportunities being actively pursued to close the current funding gap between income and expenditure.

The Cabinet expressed strong support for the hosting of this event, which Members considered would be of significant benefit to the Borough.

**The Cabinet RESOLVED** that

- (i) the current financial position, as set out in Report No. ED2605, be noted and the underwriting of the current budget gap of £243,250 be approved, to be funded from any remaining balances in the events budget, the community recovery fund and the stability and resilience reserve;
- (ii) the proposals for seeking additional commercial income to cover the remaining costs and to close the budget gap, as set out in the Report, be approved; and
- (iii) the Cabinet should be informed of the projected net cost as the project progresses, with any requests for additional funding being made to the Cabinet before committing expenditure, including how expenditure would be funded.

89. **FARNBOROUGH CIVIC QUARTER - STRATEGIC REVIEW –**  
(Cllr Julie Hall, Economy, Skills & Regeneration Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. REG2602, which set out the background and reasons for carrying out a Strategic Delivery Review of the Farnborough Civic Quarter (FCQ) project.

Members were reminded that, at its meeting in February, 2023, the Council's Development Management Committee had approved an outline permission in relation to the Farnborough Civic Quarter Masterplan. Unfortunately, since that time, a number of underlying parameters had shifted and this had impacted negatively the viability of the scheme in the current economic climate. It was proposed, therefore, that the Council should commission a Strategic Delivery Review to inform regeneration activity on the FCQ. The Cabinet was informed that this proposal was being made to comply with the requirements of the Council's Delivery Plan and that completing the Strategic Delivery Review would enable the Council to manage the risks around the FCQ and would increase the likelihood of successful delivery within the resources available.

During discussions, Members noted the importance of this site in relation to the Council's housing delivery programme and support was expressed for the suggested approach of commissioning a Strategic Delivery Review.

**The Cabinet RESOLVED** that the provision of a budget of £98,000 to carry out the review be approved, to be funded from the Stability and Resilience Reserve.

90. **STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS –**  
(Cllr Gareth Williams, Leader of the Council)

The Cabinet considered Report No. MD2602, which set out proposed changes to the Council's management arrangements.

Members were informed that these new arrangements would enable the Council to maintain services, ensure that the Council Delivery Plan 2026-28 was delivered and support the delivery of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). The proposed strategic management structure set out in Appendix 2 of the Report would seek to strengthen capacity and to support the Head of Paid Service and the LGR process and to ensure that the organisation continued to function effectively, recognising the significant draw of resources towards LGR activity. The report set out several proposed changes, which included the establishment of a new director-level role of Chief Operating Officer, to be recruited internally and appointed to by a Member panel.

The Cabinet was satisfied that the proposals set out provided the best option to enable the Council to tackle the significant challenges it faced in the lead-in to the implementation of LGR.

**The Cabinet RESOLVED** that

- (i) the proposed strategic management arrangements for the Council, as set out in Appendix 2 of Report No. MD2602, be endorsed, noting that these would be reported to the Council on 2nd July, 2026, in line with Section 11.3 of the Council's Constitution;
- (ii) given the demands relating to Local Government Reorganisation, the appointment of the new chief officer post of Chief Operating Officer as soon as practicable, in line with the process set out in Paragraph 2.8, be noted, with an appointment panel consisting of four Members, including the Corporate Services Portfolio Holder and the Leader of the Council, having been established by the Interim Managing Director to undertake this appointment; and
- (iii) at the request of the Leader of the Council, the Licensing and Corporate Business Committee being requested to establish an assessment panel to consider the permanent appointment of the Council's Head of Paid Service be noted, with the panel to include the Leader of the Council, the Corporate Services Portfolio Holder and the Leaders of other political groups.

91. **DECISION MADE UNDER URGENCY PROVISIONS - COUNCIL TAX SECOND HOME PREMIUM –**  
(Cllr Gaynor Austin, Finance & Resources Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet received a Record of Executive Decision, which set out a decision made under urgency powers on 20th March, 2026 by the Executive Director to set aside the implementation of the Council's Council Tax Second Home Premium.

The Record explained that there had been process errors made by officers in the setting of the premium and that statutory guidance had not been followed correctly. It was explained to Members that the decision had been made under urgency powers contained within Part 4 of the Council's constitution and that it was for this reason that the matter had been presented to the Cabinet for noting.

**The Cabinet NOTED** the action taken, as set out in the Record of Executive Decision dated 20th March, 2026.

The Meeting closed at 7.28 pm.

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# CABINET

Report of the meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2026 at the Council Offices, Farnborough at 7.00 pm.

## **Voting Members**

Cllr Gareth Williams, Leader of the Council

Cllr Keith Dibble, Housing, Planning & Property Portfolio Holder

Cllr Christine Guinness, Pride in Place / Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder

Cllr Julie Hall, Economy, Skills & Regeneration Portfolio Holder

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of the Deputy Leader of the Council (Cllr Sophie Porter) and Cllr Gaynor Austin.

The Cabinet considered the following matters at the above-mentioned meeting. All executive decisions of the Cabinet shall become effective, subject to the call-in procedure, from **15th June, 2026**.

## 92. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –**

Having regard to the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors, no declarations of interest were made.

## 93. **MINUTES –**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 21st April, 2026 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

## 94. **COUNCIL PLAN AND RISK REGISTER QUARTERLY UPDATE AND YEAR END 2025/26 –**

(Cllr Gareth Williams, Leader of the Council)

The Cabinet received Report No. ED2606, which set out the performance monitoring information for the Council Delivery Plan and key service measures for the fourth quarter and end of year of 2025/26. Members were informed that key projects and activities from the Council Plan and key service indicators and measures used by the Council to monitor how the Council runs services were included in the report. The Cabinet heard that the Council's Corporate Risk Register identified factors that could impact on the future delivery of the Council's services and key priorities. A summary of those risks was provided in the report for discussion.

In discussing the report, Members were satisfied that good progress had been made by the Council towards delivering the Council Delivery Plan and that the Risk Register represented an accurate summary of the most significant risks faced by the Council.

**The Cabinet RESOLVED** that

- (i) the progress made towards delivering the Council Delivery Plan and the

latest performance information in relation to Council services, as set out in Report No. ED2606, be noted; and,

- (ii) the changes to the Corporate Risk Register, as set out in Section 6 of the Report, be approved.

95. **ALDERSHOT AND FARNBOROUGH (RUSHMOOR BOROUGH) LOCAL PLAN SCOPING CONSULTATION –**  
(Cllr Keith Dibble, Housing, Planning & Property Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. PG2610, which set out the next stage in relation to the production of a new local plan for Rushmoor.

Members were informed that, in order to comply with Local Plan Regulations, it would be necessary to carry out a scoping consultation exercise. It was proposed that this would run for six weeks between 19th June and 31st July, 2026. The consultation would combine online and in person engagement and would focus on what the local plan should include and how future engagement should be carried out.

In discussing the report, Members expressed support for the proposed approach and requested to be informed if consultation responses were low in any particular area or demographic. In response, it was confirmed that there would be a review halfway through the exercise and that any such discrepancies would be identified and communicated to Members.

**The Cabinet RESOLVED that**

- (i) the undertaking of the scoping consultation, as set out in Report No. PG2610, be approved;
- (ii) the Executive Head of Property and Growth be authorised to finalise the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping and Habitats Regulations Assessment Pre-Screening for consultation; and
- (iii) the Executive Head of Property and Growth, in consultation with the Housing, Planning & Property Portfolio Holder, be authorised to finalise the Consultation and Engagement Strategy following the scoping consultation to reflect the feedback received.

96. **ARMED FORCES DAY NATIONAL EVENT 2026 - UPDATE –**  
(Cllr Sophie Porter, Healthy Communities & Active Lives Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. ED2608, which set out an update on progress with planning for the Armed Forces Day National Event 2026, along with a revised budget position that was required to ensure the safe and successful delivery of the event.

Members were reminded that the Council, working in partnership with the Ministry of Defence and local shareholders, had secured the opportunity to host this prestigious event, bringing significant economic, social and community benefits to the Borough. The Cabinet, at its meeting in November, 2025, had agreed to

underwrite the cost of the event and had approved proposals for seeking sponsorship to cover the costs of running the event. The Cabinet had received a further report in April, 2026 which had set out revised cost projections and Members had agreed to underwrite an anticipated budget gap. Since this time, planning had progressed further and Police and Armed Forces leads had become more involved and this had resulted in a more thorough understanding of the safety, security and specialist infrastructure that was required to deliver an event of national significance. This has resulted in an updated forecast budget that more accurately reflected the safety and logistical demands involved. It was reported that considerable commercial sponsorship and in-kind supports had already been secured, with further opportunities still being actively pursued. At the time of writing, however, there was a funding gap between current income and expenditure of around £431,736, which the Council would need to underwrite for the event to be delivered.

The Cabinet continued to express strong support for this event, which Members considered would be of significant benefit to the Borough, despite the costs escalating to a level considerably higher than was indicated when the Council initially discussed the possibility of hosting the event.

**The Cabinet RESOLVED that**

- (i) the current financial position, as set out in Report No. ED2608, be noted and the underwriting of the current budget gap of £431,736 be approved, to be funded from any forecast underspend in the events budget, broader service budget savings, the community recovery fund and, as a last resort, the stability and resilience reserve;
- (ii) the adding of a contingency of 10% to the forecast event budget be approved;
- (iii) the proposals for seeking additional commercial income to cover the remaining costs and to close the budget gap, as set out in the Report, be noted; and
- (iv) officers be requested to identify options to achieve the required level of savings following the budget outturn, Medium Term Financial Strategy review and final event account.

**97. APPOINTMENTS TO CABINET WORKING GROUPS 2026/27 –**

**The Cabinet RESOLVED that**

- (i) the following Cabinet Working Groups be appointed for the 2026/27 Municipal Year based on the memberships as set out below:

**(1) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Working Group**

Leader of the Council  
(Cllr Gareth Williams)

Deputy Leader of the Council  
(Cllr Sophie Porter)

One Labour Member  
(Cllr Tom Day)

Two Conservative Members  
(Cllrs Steve Harden and Gareth Lyon)

One 'Others' Group Member  
(Cllr Craig Card)

One Reform Member  
(Cllr Kevin Betsworth)

**(2) Strategic Housing and Local Plan Working Group**

Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Local Plan  
(Cllr Keith Dibble)

Chairman of Development Management Committee  
(Cllr Calum Stewart)

Economy, Skills & Regeneration Portfolio Holder  
(Cllr Julie Hall)

Chairman or Vice-Chairman of Policy and Project Advisory Board  
(Cllr Tom Day)

One 'Others' Group Member  
(Cllr Leola Card)

Two Conservative Members  
(Cllrs Jib Belbase and Steve Masterson)

One Reform Member  
(To be confirmed)

**(3) Member Development Group**

Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Member Development  
(Cllr Sophie Porter)

Two Labour Members  
(Cllrs Bill O'Donovan and Rhian Jones)

One Conservative Member  
(Cllr Sue Carter)

One 'Others' Group Member  
(Cllr Halleh Koohestani)

One Reform Member  
(To be confirmed)

(4) **SERCO Waste Contract Extension Group**

Pride in Place / Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder  
(Cllr Christine Guinness)

Cabinet Champion for Pride in Place  
(Cllr Lisa Greenway)

One Labour Member  
(Cllr Tom Day)

Two Conservative Members  
(Cllrs Steve Harden and Martin Tennant)

One 'Others' Group Member  
(Cllr Leola Card)

One Reform Member  
(Vacancy)

(5) **National Armed Forces Day Working Group**

Healthy Communities & Active Lives Portfolio Holder  
(Cllr Sophie Porter)

Two Labour Members  
(Cllrs Lisa Greenway and Dhan Sarki)

Two Conservative Members  
(Cllrs Steve Masterson and Martin Tennant)

One 'Others' Group Member  
(Cllr Leola Card)

One Reform Member  
(Vacancy)

- (ii) the Corporate Manager - Democracy, in consultation with Group Leaders, be authorised to finalise the named appointments to the Groups as required.

98. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC –**

**RESOLVED:** That, taking into account the public interest test, the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the under mentioned item to avoid the

disclosure of exempt information within the paragraph of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 indicated against the item:

<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Schedule 12A Para. No.</b>	<b>Category</b>
99	3	Information relating to financial or business affairs

**THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS CONSIDERED  
IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC**

99. **PROPOSED SURRENDER OF LEASE - BRIDGE HOUSE, EELMOOR ROAD, FARNBOROUGH –**  
(Cllr Keith Dibble, Housing, Planning & Property Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Exempt Report No. PG2611, which sought approval to agree a strategy for the lease at Bridge House, Eelmoor Road, Farnborough.

Members were reminded that the Council had purchased Bridge House in 2019 as an investment property to generate income to support the Council's revenue account. The Cabinet was informed that the current tenant had expressed a wish to exit the lease early and this would provide the Council with the opportunity to address dilapidations issues and consider the future of this asset in the context of a wider review of its commercial investment portfolio. The exempt report set out details of the proposed lump sum settlement that had been negotiated in respect of the early surrender of the lease.

The Cabinet expressed support for the proposed approach as being the best available to the Council at the current time.

**The Cabinet RESOLVED** that

- (i) in principle and subject to legal documentation, the early surrender of the lease in respect of Bridge House, Eelmoor Road, Farnborough, as set out in Exempt Report No. PG2611, be approved, on the basis of a negotiated lump sum settlement for the figure set out in the Exempt Report;
- (ii) the Executive Head of Property and Growth, in consultation with the Executive Head of Finance and the Executive Head of Governance and Law, be authorised to confirm the final terms of the surrender and settlement;
- (iii) officers be authorised to attempt to relet the property whilst also putting the property up for sale with or without vacant possession; and
- (iv) a further detailed options appraisal be brought back to the Cabinet once feasible let and/or disposal options are secured.

The Meeting closed at 7.58 pm.

# LICENSING AND CORPORATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Report of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th March, 2026 at the Council Offices, Farnborough at 7.00 pm.

## **Voting Members**

Cllr Jacqui Vosper (Chair)  
Cllr Sarah Spall (Vice-Chair)

Cllr C.W. Card  
Cllr A.H. Crawford  
Cllr Jules Crossley  
Cllr P.J. Cullum  
Cllr Rhian Jones  
Cllr Bill O'Donovan

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Sue Carter, Lisa Greenway and P.G. Taylor.

Cllrs C.P. Grattan and S.J. Masterson attended the meeting as Standing Deputies.

## **8. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January, 2026 were agreed and signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

## **9. PAY POLICY STATEMENT, GENDER PAY GAP AND ETHNICITY PAY GAP REPORT**

The Committee considered the Executive Director's Report No. PEO2602, which sought approval for a Pay Policy Statement for 2026/27. The Pay Policy Statement set out the framework within which pay was determined within the Council and provided an analysis comparing the remuneration of Chief Officers with other employees of the Authority. The Report also set out the calculations of the Gender Pay Gap, which the Council was required to publish annually under the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities Regulations 2017) and the Ethnicity Pay Gap, which was reported on for the first time.

The Committee noted that the comparisons looked at the ratio between the Managing Director and the full-time equivalent salary for a permanent member of staff employed in the lowest grade within the structure. The ratio for 2026/27 was 1:5.07. The second ratio included within the analysis looked at the relationship between the median remuneration of all staff compared to the Managing Director. The ratio for 2026/27 was 1:2.96. The recommendation of the Hutton Report (2010) was that public sector organisations should comply with a maximum pay multiple of 1:20. Rushmoor was well within this multiple.

The Committee noted that the mean Gender Pay Gap equated to 16.04%, as at 31st March 2025, with the average female salary being lower than the average male salary. The gap had increased from 12.75% in the previous year. The median gender pay gap equated to 13.17%, as at 31st March 2025, with the female median rate being lower than the male median rate. The gap had increased from 9.84% in the previous year. The Committee noted that, to address the gender pay gap, the new People Plan for 2026-2028 included further initiatives to encourage and support the personal development of employees, such as upskilling and mentoring opportunities as well as secondments, cross council project working and flexible working.

The Committee noted it was not mandatory for the Council to provide an Ethnicity Pay Gap report and it was being voluntarily reported on to demonstrate the Council's commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion. The Ethnicity Pay Gap was calculated by comparing the average pay of white employees, with that of employees from black and minority ethnic groups (BAME). The mean ethnicity pay gap equated to 9.5%, with the non-white average salary being lower than the average white salary, which represented a decrease of 3.2% from the previous year. The median ethnicity pay gap equated to 0.2% with the non-white median rate being lower than the white median rate, which represented a decrease of 5.1% from the previous year. The ethnicity pay gap would be reported retrospectively, as of the 31st of March, in any year. The Committee noted that whilst both the mean and medium ethnicity pay gaps had decreased, the Council would continue to review the ways they worked to encourage a more diverse and inclusive workforce. They would continue to review the recruitment, secondment and development processes and opportunities to address their commitment to be a more inclusive organisation.

During discussion, Members raised questions regarding the reasons for the increase in the gender pay gap and enquired about details of how the gap was being addressed by the Council. Members were informed that the recent decrease in females in the upper quartile (higher paid roles), who had not been replaced, and an increase in number of females joining the Council in the lower quartile (lower paid roles), had contributed to the gender pay gap increase. Members were advised that the People Plan included initiatives the Council were taking to address the gender pay gap, including secondments, mentoring opportunities, career pathway and upskilling support, flexible working and job-shares.

**ACTION:**

<b>What</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>When</b>
Distribute information to Members, regarding the details of the increase in the gender pay gap.	Belinda Tam – Corporate Manager - People	Before the 4th June 2026 Committee meeting.
Outline how the Council's initiatives specifically focus on encouraging females to take up opportunities to strive for higher paid roles.	Belinda Tam – Corporate Manager - People	Before the 4th June 2026 Committee meeting.

The Committee

- (i) **RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL** that approval be given to the Pay Policy Statement 2026/27, as set out in Appendix A of the Report;
- (ii) **RESOLVED** that the Gender Pay Gap calculations for 2024/25, as set out in the Report, be noted; and
- (iii) **RESOLVED** that the Ethnicity Pay Gap calculations for 2024/25, as set out in the Report, be noted.

#### 10. **SELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2026/27**

The Committee considered the Managing Director and Corporate Manager – Democracy’s Report No. DEM2602, which set out the outcome of the selection process for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2026/27 Municipal Year.

The Council had established a process and criteria for selecting the Mayor and Deputy Mayor which was adopted as part of the Council’s Constitution. In accordance with the procedure, the Managing Director wrote to all Councillors in December 2025 to invite expressions of interest in the role of Deputy Mayor for 2026/27, progressing to the position of Mayor in 2027/28.

The Committee was advised by the Corporate Manager – Democracy that the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Peter Cullum, had confirmed his wish to proceed through the normal progression to the position of Mayor for 2026/27.

It was reported that, for the position of Deputy Mayor, Cllr Akmal Gani had expressed his interest in the mayoralty role and, from amongst those who submitted their interest, was the councillor who best met the criteria by order of seniority and eligibility. By May 2026, Cllr Gani would have served for 4 years having been elected to Fernhill Ward in 2022. He was standing for re-election in May, and consequently it might be necessary to revisit the appointment following the election.

During discussion, Members supported the nominations and advised that the new Mayor and Deputy-Mayor be offered training to be prepared to Chair Council meetings.

The Committee **RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL** that:

- (i) Cllr Peter Cullum be appointed as Mayor-Elect for the 2026/27 Municipal Year; and
- (ii) Cllr Akmal Gani be appointed as Deputy Mayor-Elect for the 2026/27 Municipal Year.

#### 11. **UPDATES TO THE CONSTITUTION - MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

The Committee considered the Corporate Manager – Democracy’s Report No. DEM2603, which set out proposed updates to the Constitution in respect of Member Champions.

The Committee noted that arrangements for Cabinet Champion roles were first established by the Cabinet in 2018 as part of a review of portfolios carried out by the Leader at that time. The Champion roles were intended to enable capacity to ‘champion’ council plan priorities which were crosscutting of portfolios and to provide leadership development opportunities for Members who are not on the Cabinet.

The Committee were advised that the change to the make-up of the Council to no overall control had prompted further consideration about the Champion roles, and at its meeting on 4th December 2025, the Council agreed a Notice of Motion committing to the principle that the Champion roles should be non-executive, non-political roles, open to all councillors, with appointments made by the Council or a non-executive committee. The proposals had been considered and supported by the Constitution Working Group at its meeting on 12th January, 2026.

During discussion, Members raised questions regarding the name ‘Member Champions’, parameters for nomination, and the process of dismissing Champions if they failed to meet the expectations of the role.

The Committee were advised that the following additions would be included in the recommendation:

- The name Member Champions would be replaced by ‘Champions’.
- Any Member, excluding the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Members, could be nominated
- There would be no Shadow Champions.
- The Committee would have the authority to appoint and dismiss Champions.

The Committee **RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL** that, subject to the additional points requested by the Committee, the updates to the Constitution to introduce new arrangements for Champion Roles, be approved.

## 12. **UPDATE ON POLLING PLACE - NORTH TOWN NB**

The Committee considered the Corporate Manager – Democracy’s Report No. DEM2605, which reports on a proposed change to the permanent polling place for North Town NB.

The Committee noted that, prior to 2022, the North Town Community Base was the permanent polling place for North Town NB polling district. When redevelopment work started on North Lane, it was necessary to change to an alternative polling place as the Community Base was unavailable. The polling place for North Town NB was temporarily located at the 1st Aldershot Scout Hut on Eastern Road until the redevelopment work was complete and the new North Town Community Centre built.

The new Community Centre was now open and available for use. The Elections Team had visited the new facility and, with agreement from the Returning Officer, it was considered to be ideal for use as a polling place for the local Elections in May

2026. The ward councillors and the county councillor for the area were consulted and were in support of the proposal to move back to the community centre. The change was also supported by the Elections Group at its meeting on 23rd February 2026. During discussion at the Elections Group, it was confirmed that additional information would be included with poll cards to advise electors of the change of polling place to the Community Centre along with information on the Elections web pages, to accompany the 'Check I'm registered' facility.

During the discussion, consideration was given to the new venue's accessibility; especially its parking arrangements.

**ACTION:**

<b>What</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>When</b>
Check parking arrangements at the community centre.	Jill Shuttleworth – Corporate Manager - Democracy	Before the elections

**RESOLVED:** That the polling place for the North Town NB Polling District will return to the North Town Community Centre on North Lane, Aldershot.

**13. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That, taking into account the public interest test, the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the under mentioned item to avoid the disclosure of exempt information within the paragraph of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 indicated against the item:

**Item No.      Para. No.      Category**

7                      1                      Information relating to an individual

**14. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN**

The Committee considered the Corporate Manager – Democracy's Exempt Report No. DEM2605, which outlined nominations received for the conferment of the title of Honorary Alderman of the Borough.

**RESOLVED:** That Members had requested further information.

The meeting closed at 9.17 pm.

# DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Report of the meeting held on Wednesday, 11th March, 2026 at the Concorde Room, Council Offices, Farnborough at 7.00 pm.

## **Voting Members**

Cllr Thomas Day (Chair)  
Cllr S.J. Masterson (Vice-Chair)

Cllr C.P. Grattan  
Cllr Halleh Koohestani  
Cllr Dhan Sarki  
Cllr Calum Stewart  
Cllr Jacqui Vosper

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Abe Allen, A.H Gani, Peace Essien Igodifo and Ivan Whitmee.

Cllrs A.H. Crawford and P.J. Cullum attended the meeting as a Standing Deputies.

## **Non-Voting Member**

Cllr Keith Dibble (Housing & Planning Portfolio Holder) (ex officio)

### 45. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

### 46. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th November, 2025 were approved and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

It was noted that Cllr Peace Essien Igodifo had been absent from the last three meetings of the Development Management Committee on 8th October 2025, 19th November 2025 and 11th March 2026. The Committee were advised that Cllr Essien Igodifo had been contacted to establish the reasons for her absence, and the Committee would be updated at the next meeting.

### 47. **REPRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

In accordance with the guidelines for public participation at meetings, the following representations were made to the Committee and were duly considered before a decision was reached:

<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Representation</b>	<b>In support of or against the application</b>
25/00583/FULPP	Proposed New Farnborough Leisure Centre, Queensmead Car Park, Kingsmead, Farnborough	Ms Jenna Murray (agent)	In support
25/00583/FULPP	Proposed New Farnborough Leisure Centre, Queensmead Car Park, Kingsmead, Farnborough	Mrs Karen Edwards (applicant)	In support

#### 48. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

##### **RESOLVED:** That

- (i) the following application be determined by the Executive Head of Property and Growth, in consultation with the Chairman, subject to the prior completion of a S106 legal agreement and the conditions as detailed in the report:

\* 24/00583/FULPP Proposed New Farnborough Leisure Centre, Queensmead Car Park, Kingsmead, Farnborough

- (ii) the applications dealt with by the Executive Head of Property and Growth, where necessary in consultation with the Chairman, in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation, more particularly specified in Section "D" of the Executive Head of Property and Growth's Report No. PG2605, be noted

- (iii) the current position with regard to the following applications be noted pending consideration at a future meeting:

21/00271/FULPP Block 3, Queensmead, Farnborough

23/00713/FUL Manor Park Cottage, St. Georges Road East, Aldershot

23/00794/REVPP Farnborough Airport, Farnborough

24/00237/FUL	Nos. 235-237 High Street, Aldershot
25/00537/OUTPP	Land at Cody Technology Park and Ball Hill, Farnborough
25/00615/REV	Farnborough Airport, Farnborough Road, Farnborough
25/00688/FULPP	Devereux House, 69 Albert Road, Farnborough

\* The Executive Head of Property and Growth's Report No. PG2605 in respect of these applications was amended at the meeting.

49. **PROPOSED NEW FARNBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE, QUEENSMEAD CAR PARK, KINGSMEAD, FARNBOROUGH - APPLICATION NO. 25/00583/FULPP**

The Committee considered the Executive Head of Property and Growth's Report No. PG2605 (as amended at the meeting) regarding the erection of a new leisure centre incorporating landscaping, play area, public realm, car and cycle parking, and associated works.

During discussion, it was requested that background documents, specifically regarding air quality findings from Environmental Health, would be shared with Members of the Committee.

**ACTION**

<b>What</b>	<b>By whom</b>	<b>When</b>
For background documents, including air quality findings, be shared with Members of the Committee.	Planning Department	Before the next Development Management Committee Meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That

- (i) the wording be amended to be more specific regarding 'payment of a financial contribution of £TBA towards Rushmoor LCWIP schemes in the vicinity of the site'; and
- (ii) the Executive Head of Property and Growth, in consultation with the Chairman, be authorised to GRANT planning permission, subject to a Section 106 Agreement.

50. **APPEALS PROGRESS REPORT**

The Committee received the Executive Head of Property and Growth's Report No. PG2606 concerning the following appeal decisions:

<b>Application / Enforcement Case No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Decision</b>
No. 70 Guildford Road East, Farnborough 25/00097/FULPP	An appeal against the refusal of planning permission for "Demolition of the existing workshop and erection of 3no 3-bed dwellings".	New appeal
No. 14 Victoria Road, Farnborough 25/00520/ADVPP	An appeal against the refusal of Advertisement Consent for "Display of one display board to the side elevation at first floor level".	Allowed

**RESOLVED:** That the Executive Head of Property and Growth's Report No. PG2606 be noted.

51. **PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT) SUMMARY**

The Committee received the Executive Head of Property and Growth's Report No. PG2607 (as amended at the meeting), which provided an update on the position with respect to achieving performance indicators for the Development Management Section of the Planning Service and the overall workload of the Section for the quarter from 1st October to 31st December, 2025 (Q3).

**RESOLVED:** That the Executive Head of Property and Growth's Report No. PG2607 be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.34 pm.

# AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Report of the meeting held on Wednesday, 25th March, 2026 at the Council Offices, Farnborough at 7.00 pm.

## **Voting Members**

Cllr Bill O'Donovan (Chair)  
Cllr P.J. Cullum (Vice-Chair)

Cllr C.W. Card  
Cllr A.H. Crawford  
Cllr Sarah Spall  
Cllr P.G. Taylor  
Cllr Jacqui Vosper

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllr Sue Carter, Cllr C.P. Grattan, Cllr Ivan Whitmee and Cllr Becky Williams.

Cllr S.J. Masterson attended the meeting as a Standing Deputy.

## **22. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th January, 2026 were approved and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

## **23. INTERNAL AUDIT - AUDIT CHARTER AND AUDIT PLAN 2026/27**

The Committee received the Head of Partnership's Report No. SIAP26/06, which set out the Internal Audit Charter and Internal Audit Plan for 2026/27.

The Committee heard from Neil Pitman, Southern Internal Audit Partnership (SIAP), who reported that the Internal Audit Charter and Internal Audit Plan 2026/27 were required by the Global Internal Audit Standards in UK Public Sector. The Internal Audit Charter was a formal document that included the internal audit function's mandate, organisational position, reporting relationships, scope of work, types of service, and other specifications. The Internal Audit Plan was a document, developed by the Chief Internal Auditor, that identified the engagements and other internal audit services anticipated to be provided during a given period.

The Internal Audit Charter was reported to the Audit and Governance Committee annually for review and approval. The proposed risk based Internal Audit Plan had been developed at a strategic level providing a value adding, and proportionate level of assurance aligned to the Council's strategic outcomes. It was based on a range of inputs including a review of the Council's strategic risk register, sector knowledge and discussions with management teams.

During discussion, Members raised questions regarding property management, Aldershot Crematorium and tree maintenance.

**ACTION:**

<b>What</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>When</b>
Review the reprioritisation of the property management internal audit.	Neil Pitman - SIAP	Before the June 2026 Committee meeting.
Complete a re-analysis of the risk assessment on the Crematorium refurbishment.	Neil Pitman - SIAP	Before the June 2026 Committee meeting.
Review the risk assessment levels regarding tree maintenance.	Neil Pitman - SIAP	Before the June 2026 Committee meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That:

- (i) the Internal Audit Charter 2026/27 be approved; and
- (ii) the Internal Audit Plan 2026/27 be approved.

**24. INTERNAL AUDIT - PROGRESS REPORT**

The Committee received SIAP's Report No. SIAP26/05, which provided an overview of internal audit activity against assurance work completed in accordance with the approved audit plan and an overview of key updates pertinent to the discharge of the Committee's role in relation to internal audit.

The Committee noted that, regarding the Crematorium Audit, the Business Continuity Plan (BCP) had not been finalised due to the lack of formal arrangements for the potential loss of one or both cremators. However, an informal arrangement was in place with nearby crematoria, which Members agreed mitigated the risk, notably since the installation of two new cremators at Aldershot.

During discussion, a question was raised regarding the agency staff audit review. Members noted that the Senior Leadership Team had put an action plan in place and it was being dealt with urgently.

**RESOLVED:** That:

- (i) the Crematorium Audit management action be updated to reflect the significantly reduced risk following refurbishment of Aldershot Crematorium, including installation of two new cremators; and
- (ii) SIAP's Report No. SIAP26/05, be noted.

**25. ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR**

The Committee considered the Executive Head of Finance's Report No. FIN2610, which reviewed the proposed accounting policies to be applied for the closure of the

2025/26 accounts. These were prepared in line with Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountants (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the UK.

The report stated that the adoption of the policies supported timely and robust production of a high-quality set of annual accounts. In addition, the report notified Members of the nature of updated disclosures required and reviewed the internal level of materiality.

The Committee noted that an approved set of accounting policies enabled the Finance team to complete the Annual Statement of Accounts with considered rules and assumptions and provided clarity to the readers of the Accounts as to how they had been prepared.

The Committee were advised that the 2025/26 materiality figure was still being finalised, as the auditors were confirming the Council's gross expenditure position. The previous year's materiality, based on 2% of gross expenditure, was just over £2 million, and officers did not expect this to change significantly as overall expenditure has remained stable. The updated figure would be circulated to the Committee once confirmed.

During discussion, Members raised questions regarding property valuations and the potential for having an independent expert to advise on property valuations in the future.

**ACTION:**

<b>What</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>When</b>
Circulate the materiality figure for 2025/26 to the Committee, once confirmed.	Finance Team	Before the June 2026 Committee meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That:

- (i) the Accounting Policies, including the amendment disclosed at Appendix 1 for closure of the 2025/26 account, be adopted; and
- (ii) the updated disclosures and internal level of materiality, when confirmed, be included within the Statement of Accounts for 2025/26, be noted.

**26. VOTE OF THANKS**

A vote of thanks was recorded by Cllr Bill O'Donovan, the Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee since April, 2025. He wished to thank Committee Members for their service to the Committee and the Council.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

# DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Report of the meeting held on Wednesday, 15th April, 2026 at the Concorde Room, Council Offices, Farnborough at 7.00 pm.

## **Voting Members**

Cllr Thomas Day (Chair)  
Cllr S.J. Masterson (Vice-Chair)

Cllr A.H. Gani  
Cllr C.P. Grattan  
Cllr Dhan Sarki  
Cllr Calum Stewart  
Cllr Jacqui Vosper

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Halleh Koohestani, Peace Essien Igodifo and Ivan Whitmee.

Cllrs P.J. Cullum, Nadia Martin and Sarah Spall attended the meeting as a Standing Deputies.

Cllr C.P. Grattan arrived late to the meeting and was therefore ineligible to vote.

## **Non-Voting Member**

Cllr Keith Dibble (Housing & Planning Portfolio Holder) (ex officio)

## **52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

## **53. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th March, 2026 were approved and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

## **54. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Chair advised the Committee that Cllr Peace Essien Igodifo had been absent from four consecutive meetings of the Committee held on 8th October 2025, 19th November 2025, 11th March 2026 and 15th April 2026. Under the Council's Standing Orders, Standing Order 4 (5) stated that 'if any Member shall be absent from three consecutive meetings of a committee, he or she shall cease to be a Member thereof, unless he or she shall in the opinion of the Committee show reasonable grounds for their absence.'



	Farnborough
23/00713/FUL	Manor Park Cottage, St. Georges Road East, Aldershot
23/00794/REVPP	Farnborough Airport, Farnborough
24/00237/FUL	Nos. 235-237 High Street, Aldershot
25/00537/OUTPP	Land at Cody Technology Park and Ball Hill, Farnborough
25/00615/REV	Farnborough Airport, Farnborough Road, Farnborough

\* The Executive Head of Property and Growth's Report No. PG2609 in respect of these applications was amended at the meeting.

**57. DEVEREUX HOUSE, NO. 69 ALBERT ROAD, FARNBOROUGH - APPLICATION NO. 25/00688/FULPP**

The Committee considered the Executive Head of Property and Growth's Report No. PG2609 (as amended at the meeting) regarding the demolition of existing building, excluding the original façade to Devereux House which is to be retained, and construction of part two/three storey building with accommodation in the roof space to provide a care home (Use Class C2) together with parking, landscaping and associated development.

During discussion, Members raised questions regarding the impact on neighbouring residents. Following a vote, the decision was deferred to enable a site visit and would be reconvened at a date to be determined.

**ACTION**

<b>What</b>	<b>By whom</b>	<b>When</b>
Arrange a site visit for Members.	Planning Department	Before the reconvened Development Management Committee Meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the meeting will be reconvened subsequent to a site visit by Members.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

# DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Report of the meeting held on Thursday, 23rd April, 2026 at the Concorde Room, Council Offices, Farnborough at 7.00 pm. This meeting was reconvened from Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2026, following a site visit held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. The minutes for the preceding meeting can be found here: [Printed minutes 15th April, 2026](#).

## Voting Members

Cllr Thomas Day (Chair)  
Cllr Steve Masterson (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Dhan Sarki  
Cllr Calum Stewart  
Cllr Jacqui Vosper

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs A.H. Gani, C.P. Grattan, Peace Essien Igodifo and Ivan Whitmee.

Cllrs Nadia Martin and Sarah Spall attended the meeting as a Standing Deputies.

## Non-Voting Member

Cllr Keith Dibble (Housing, Planning & Property Portfolio Holder) (ex officio)

## 58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

## 59. REPRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

In accordance with the guidelines for public participation at meetings, the following representations were made to the Committee and were duly considered before a decision was reached:

<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Representation</b>	<b>In support of or against the application</b>
25/00688/FULPP	Devereux House, No. 69 Albert Road, Farnborough	Colin Acheson (resident)	Against

60. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**RESOLVED:** That

the following application be determined by the Executive Head of Property and Growth, in consultation with the Chairman, subject to the prior completion of a S106 legal agreement and the conditions as detailed in the report:

- \* 25/00688/FULPP                      Devereux House, No. 69 Albert Road, Farnborough
- \*    The Executive Head of Property and Growth's Report No. PG2609 in respect of these applications was amended at the meeting.

61. **DEVEREUX HOUSE, NO. 69 ALBERT ROAD, FARNBOROUGH - APPLICATION NO. 25/00688/FULPP**

The Committee considered the Executive Head of Property and Growth's Report No. PG2609 (as amended at the meeting) regarding the demolition of existing building, excluding the original façade to Devereux House which is to be retained, and construction of part two/three storey building with accommodation in the roof space to provide a care home (Use Class C2) together with parking, landscaping and associated development.

During discussion, Members raised questions regarding the potential loss of privacy for neighbouring properties, the possibility of badger activity on the site and parking arrangements. Detailed discussion of the impact on neighbouring properties primarily No.73 Albert Road was held. It was proposed and agreed to add an additional condition regarding the obscure glazing of 4 windows on the eastern elevation of the building which faced directly onto No.73 Albert Road. The Committee were advised that the highways authority, Hampshire County Council, had determined that the shortfall in parking was unlikely to result in conditions which were harmful to road safety through overspill parking. Albert Road featured single yellow lines which indicated that restrictions were not in place all day.

**RESOLVED:** That

- (i) the recommendation be amended to include a revised condition to secure the use of obscure glazing for the four bedroom windows on the first and second floors on the eastern elevation, at the northern end of the building;
- (ii) an informative be included to ensure that the continued absence of badgers is confirmed prior to development starting and outlining the necessary steps that need to be taken should badgers be identified; and
- (iii) the Executive Head of Property and Growth, in consultation with the Chairman, be authorised to GRANT planning permission, subject to a Section 106 Agreement.

62. **VOTE OF THANKS**

A vote of thanks was recorded for Cllr Jacqui Vosper, Member of the Development Management Committee. As Cllr Vosper would be standing down at the forthcoming Borough elections, it was noted that the Chair and Members thanked her for her service and wished her the best of luck for her retirement.

The meeting closed at 7.51 pm.

# AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Report of the meeting held on Wednesday, 10th June, 2026 at the Council Offices, Farnborough at 7.00 pm.

## **Voting Members**

Cllr Bill O'Donovan (Chair)  
Cllr M.J. Tennant (Vice-Chair)

Cllr C.W. Card  
Cllr Thomas Day  
Cllr Dhan Sarki  
Cllr Sarah Spall  
Cllr Paul Taylor

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllr P.J. Cullum, Cllr T.W. Mitchell and Cllr Ian Simpson.

Cllr Sharon Harvey, Cllr Steve Masterson and Cllr Nicky Slater attended the meeting as Standing Deputies.

## **1. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th March, 2026 were approved and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

## **2. EXTERNAL AUDIT PROPOSED AUDIT PLANNING REPORT 2025/26**

The Chair welcomed Simon Mathers, Director, from the Council's external auditors, Ernst and Young (EY).

The Committee received the 2025/26 Audit Planning Report. The report aimed to provide Members with a basis to review the proposed audit approach and scope for the 2025/26 audit. This was in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the National Audit Office's 2024 Code of Audit Practice, the Statement of Responsibilities issued by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) Ltd, auditing standards, and other professional requirements. The report summarised the evaluation of the key issues driving the development of an effective audit. The report also addressed the broader impact of the Government's proposals aimed at establishing a sustainable local audit system.

The Committee were advised that a significant national backlog in audit completion and financial statement production had resulted in disclaimed opinions where insufficient work had been undertaken. No opinions had been issued for 2021/22 and 2022/23, limited progress had been made in 2023/24, and improvement had been achieved in 2024/25, although work on asset valuations remained outstanding. It

was noted that, despite continued improvement, disclaimed opinions had been issued for the past five years. Mr Mathers advised that all procedures were intended to be completed in the current year; however, it was considered unlikely that an unqualified opinion would be achieved, and the opinion was expected to remain disclaimed or modified.

During discussion, Members raised questions regarding materiality, property valuations and which properties were owned by the Council. It was noted that there had been internal resourcing challenges in completing valuations to the required standard and within the necessary timescales, and that further work was ongoing to address the matter. The Committee were advised that they could discuss, with officers on an individual basis, assets owned by the Council.

**ACTION:**

<b>What</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>When</b>
Members, if they are interested, to contact Peter Vickers, on an individual basis, to discuss Council assets.	Members/Peter Vickers – Executive Head of Finance	Before the next AGC meeting – 30th July 2026

**RESOLVED:** That the Auditor’s Annual Report, be noted.

**3. INTERNAL AUDIT - ANNUAL AUDIT OPINION 2025/26**

The Chairman welcomed Neil Pitman, Head of Southern Internal Audit Partnership (SIAP), the Council’s internal auditors, who joined the meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams.

The Committee considered Southern Internal Audit Partnership’s (SIAP) Report No. SIAP27/01, which set out the Chief Internal Auditor’s independent annual audit conclusion for 2025/26 on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council’s framework of governance, risk management and control.

The Committee noted that assurance levels had been provided for each of these areas in order to provide a clear assessment:

- Governance - It was noted that, based on the work completed during the year and observations through attendance at a variety of management and governance meetings, in SIAP’s opinion, the governance frameworks in place across the Council were robust, fit for purpose and subject to regular review. There was also appropriate reporting to the Audit & Governance Committee to provide the opportunity for independent consideration and challenge including review of the Annual Governance Statement.
- Risk Management – During the year an internal audit review of risk management had been undertaken concluding with a ‘reasonable assurance’ opinion. One of the key observations was the requirement for more regular report of risk management updates to the Audit and Governance Committee. The risk register was a key document that was considered during the

development of the risk based internal audit plan. Additionally, information from the risk register was taken into account when scoping each review in detail to ensure that SIAP's work was appropriately aligned.

- Control – It was noted that, in general, internal audit work found there had been a sound control environment in place across the majority of review areas included in the 2025-26 plan and these were working effectively to support the delivery of corporate objectives. Officers and staff were found to be aware of the importance of effective control frameworks, and open to SIAP's suggestion for improvements or enhancements, where needed.

The Committee were informed that the Internal Auditor was satisfied that sufficient assurance and advisory work had been carried out to enable a conclusion to be formed on the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control environment. It was reported that the framework of governance, risk management and control had been assessed as 'reasonable', and that audit testing had demonstrated that controls were operating effectively. It was further noted that, where weaknesses had been identified through internal audit reviews, appropriate corrective actions and timescales for improvement had been agreed with management.

During discussion, questions were raised regarding acronyms within the report, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and Pay360. Regarding a question about Disabled Facility Grants (DFGs), Members requested that an update be provided by the Council.

**ACTIONS:**

<b>What</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>When</b>
For clarity, reference acronyms within reports or provide a list of acronyms.	Neil Pitman - SIAP	30th July 2026
Provide analysis relating to Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).	Neil Pitman - SIAP	Before the next AGC meeting – 30th July 2026
Provide a written update to the Committee regarding Disabled Facility Grants.	James Duggin – Chief Operating Officer	Before the next AGC meeting – 30th July 2026

**RESOLVED:** That the Internal Audit Annual Conclusion 2025/26, be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.09 pm.

# LICENSING AND CORPORATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Report of the meeting held on Tuesday, 16th June, 2026 at the Council Offices, Farnborough at 7.00 pm.

## Voting Members

Cllr Sarah Spall (Chair)  
Cllr Sue Carter (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Dave Bell  
Cllr Kevin Betsworth  
Cllr Craig Card  
Cllr P.J. Cullum  
Cllr Lisa Greenway  
Cllr Rhian Jones  
Cllr Steve Masterson  
Cllr Bill O'Donovan

Cllr Uttar Gurung attended the meeting as Standing Deputy.

## 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th March, 2026 and the Special Meeting of the Committee on 18th March, 2026 were agreed and signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

## 2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION INTERIM WARDING ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee considered the Leader of the Council's Report No. MD2603, which presented options on interim warding arrangements for the new North Hampshire Council in response to the Government and preparations for local government reorganisation.

It was noted that the interim warding arrangements should reflect local communities and would be implemented for the elections to the shadow North Hampshire Council in May 2027. The interim ward boundaries would remain in place until the permanent arrangements were independently reviewed by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, which would take place after the new Council had legally formed in April 2028.

The Report set out the basis on which the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) had asked for proposed interim ward arrangements – and it was noted that the councils forming the new authority had been asked to work to a total unitary council membership of 85 councillors, unless there was a strong reason for a different number.

Initial work carried out between the councils had indicated that a total council membership of 88 councillors would give a fairer representation across North Hampshire than 85 councillors. In this way, a series of options based on both 85 and 88 councillors had been prepared by officers, as attached to the report, which involved the merging of existing wards in varying combinations.

During consideration of the report, the point was raised that while a total membership of either 85 or 88 councillors would allow both Basingstoke and Hart councils to keep their existing wards and adjust the number of representatives, that would not be possible for Rushmoor. For Rushmoor to achieve its share of the 85 or 88 councillors it was necessary to combine wards to achieve fair electoral representation.

The strong view of the Committee was a preference to keep the current ward boundaries in Rushmoor intact. Members emphasised that it would make the new arrangements for elections to shadow councils easier for residents to understand and trust if using boundaries that residents were already familiar with. There was concern that if the council proposed to change its own boundaries by joining wards, it could lead people to think that the changes lacked impartiality.

The Committee therefore supported an interim warding arrangement based on maintaining the 13 wards in Rushmoor and, following a proposal and discussion, endorsed an alternative option to be recommended to the Council which proposed an interim warding arrangement based on 108 councillors for the new North Hampshire Council, in place of the options for either 85 or 88 councillors.

This would deliver representation of 26 councillors for the Rushmoor area, with each of the existing 13 wards represented by 2 councillors. Basingstoke and Hart would also have a fair share of councillors with Basingstoke having 53 councillors, and Hart having 29 councillors. Any permanent change would then be made by the Boundary Commission.

A proposal was also tabled that the Council should make a representation relating to 26 Members in its own area and not refer to the Basingstoke or Hart area at all. However, when this was put to the vote, the Committee resolved that it should include the whole of the North Hampshire area in its submission, as requested by the MHCLG.

The Committee **RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL** to submit a proposal based on a 108-councillor interim warding arrangement, and agree:

- the proposed number of councillors for each North Hampshire district as follows:
  - Basingstoke and Deane - 53 councillors.
  - Hart - 29 councillors.
  - Rushmoor - 26 councillors.
- the proposed interim councillor distribution and warding arrangements across the new authority area to be set out in an updated Table.

3. **APPOINTMENT PANEL FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR AND HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

The Committee considered the Leader of the Council's Report No. MD2603, which sought approval for the proposed processes for the permanent appointment of the Council's Head of Paid Service.

The report proposed the establishment of a Member Assessment Panel to consider the permanent appointment of the Council's Head of Paid Service subject to a satisfactory review of performance by the Panel.

In accordance with the Council's Officer Employment Rules, the Committee was requested to appoint a cross-party Member Panel, to include the Leader of the Council, the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Corporate Services and the leaders of the other political groups. The Panel would be held week beginning 27th June with a Special Meeting of the Committee planned for 1st July to consider the recommendation from the Panel and to make a recommendation to the Council on 2nd July.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that

- (i) the proposed processes for the permanent appointment of the Council's Head of Paid Service, as set out in Report No. MD2603, be noted; and
- (ii) the establishment of a cross-party Member Assessment Panel, to include the Leader of the Council, the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Corporate Services and the leaders of the other political groups, to consider the permanent appointment of the Council's Head of Paid Service, be approved.

4. **CONSTITUTION UPDATE - ADDING CONDITIONS TO TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICES**

The Committee considered the Executive Head of Operations' Report No. OS2613, which set out a proposal to update the Council's Constitution / Scheme of Delegation in relation to the process of addition of conditions to Temporary Event Notices (TENs).

The Committee was informed that the current process meant that, where it was proposed to add conditions to TEN applications, even if all parties agreed to the conditions, it was necessary to convene a Sub-Committee meeting to agree these additions. The new arrangements would mean the officers would be able to add these without the need for a Sub-Committee meeting.

Members expressed support for the proposed new arrangements that would make the processing of TEN applications more efficient and effective.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the table in the Council's Constitution at Part 3, Section 4, Para 4.3.2 (licensing of alcohol, entertainment and late-night refreshment) be updated to add to the listing 'Determination of a police or Environmental Health

objection to a standard temporary event notice' where it is not appropriate to add conditions under S106A of the Licensing Act 2003.

5. **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES, LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES, CONSTITUTION WORKING GROUP AND CHAMPION ROLES**

(1) **Outside Bodies**

**RESOLVED:** That the appointment of representatives to outside bodies for the 2026/26 Municipal Year, as set out in the attached Appendix be approved.

(2) **Appointments and Appeals Panels –**

**RESOLVED:** That the Corporate Manager - Democracy be authorised to make appointments to Appointments and Appeals Panels in accordance with the criteria set out in the Officer Employment Procedure Rules.

(3) **Licensing Sub-Committee**

**RESOLVED:** That the following Members be appointed to serve on the Licensing Sub-Committee for the 2026/27 Municipal Year, on the basis of five Members (2 Labour: 1 Conservative: 1 'Others' Group: 1 Reform):

Labour Group: Cllrs Rhian Jones and Sarah Spall

Conservative Group: Cllr Sue Carter

'Others' Group: Cllr C.W. Card

Reform Group: Cllr Kevin Betsworth

(4) **Licensing Sub-Committee (Alcohol and Entertainments)**

**RESOLVED:** That the Corporate Manager - Democracy be authorised to make appointments from the membership of the Licensing and Corporate Business Committee in accordance with the procedure detailed in the Licensing Sub-Committee (Alcohol and Entertainments) Hearings Protocol and Procedure.

(5) **Licensing Sub-Committee (Taxis)**

**RESOLVED:** That the Corporate Manager – Democracy be authorised to make appointments from the membership of the Licensing and Corporate Business Committee in accordance with the procedure detailed in the Licensing Sub-Committee (Taxis) Hearings Protocol and Procedure.

(6) **Constitution Working Group** -

**RESOLVED:** That the following Members be appointed to serve on the Constitution Working Group for the 2026/27 Municipal Year, on the basis of seven Members (Cabinet Member with responsibility: Chair of LCB: 1 Labour: 2 Conservative: 1 'Others' Group: 1 Reform):

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Sophie Porter

Chair of Licensing and Corporate Business Committee: Cllr Sarah Spall

Labour Group: Cllr Bill O'Donovan

Conservative Group: Cllrs Steve Harden and Gareth Lyon

'Others' Group: Cllr Calum Stewart

Reform Group: Cllr Kevin Betsworth

(7) **Champion Roles**

**RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL:** That the following Members be appointed to serve as Council Champions, and with the Champion priorities as set out in the report:

- Cllr Lisa Greenway be appointed to the role of Champion for Pride in Place for the 2026/27 Municipal Year.
- Cllr Steve Masterson be appointed to the role of Armed Forces Covenant Champion for the 2026/27 and 2027/28 Municipal Years.

6. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That, taking into account the public interest test, the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the under mentioned item to avoid the disclosure of exempt information within the paragraph of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 indicated against the item:

**Minute No. Para. No. Category**

7 1 Information relating to an individual

**THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS CONSIDERED  
IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC**

## 7. **UPDATE ON PROPOSALS FOR HONORARY ALDERMEN 2026/27**

The Committee considered the Corporate Manager – Democracy's Exempt Report No. DEM2605(A), which outlined nominations received for the conferment of the title of Honorary Alderman of the Borough.

Further to discussion on the update, an alternative proposal was raised by Members for which there was consensus within the Committee. However, there was a need to confer with Group Leaders to ensure the requisite cross-council support at the extraordinary council meeting which would bestow the Honorary roles.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the decision be deferred to consult on the Committee's revised proposal, with an update to be given at the meeting on 1st July.

The meeting closed at 9.01 pm.

**LICENSING AND CORPORATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE  
16TH JUNE 2026**

**REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

NAME OF ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVE(S) 2026/27
Aldershot & Farnborough Festival of Music & Art	Cllrs Lisa Greenway and Nicky Slater
Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee	Cllr Julie Hall with Cllr Keith Dibble as Standing Deputy
Blackwater Valley Advisory Panel for Public Transport	Cllrs Keith Dibble and Calum Stewart with Cllrs Mike Roberts and Peter Cullum as Standing Deputies
Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership	Cllrs Jib Belbase and Kevin Betsworth with Cllr Rhian Jones as Standing Deputy
Brickfield Country Park, Friends of	Three Manor Park Ward Members (Cllrs Jib Belbase, Ivan Whitmee and Becky Williams)
Citizens Advice Rushmoor Trustee Board	Cllr Nicky Slater (Observer)
Cove Brook Greenway Group	Cllrs Ade Adeola and Rhian Jones
District Council's Network (DCN)	Leader of the Council (Cllr Gareth Williams)
Hampshire Place Board	Leader of the Council (Cllr Gareth Williams) with the Deputy Leader of the Council (Cllr Sophie Porter) as Standing Deputy
Frimley Integrated Care Partnership Assembly	Cabinet Member (Cllr Sophie Porter)
Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee (FACC)	Cabinet Member (Cllr Keith Dibble) and Cllr Craig Card (as a representative of an adjoining ward) with Cllr Mara Makunura as Standing Deputy

NAME OF ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVE(S) 2026/27
457 Squadron Farnborough RAF Air Cadets	Cllr Sophie Porter
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association	Leader of the Council (Cllr Gareth Williams) and Deputy Leader of the Council (Cllr Sophie Porter)
Hampshire Police and Crime Panel	Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Safety (Cllr Christine Guinness)
Hampshire and Solent CCA Planning Advisory Board	Cabinet Member with responsibility for planning policy (Cllr Keith Dibble) with Gareth Williams as Standing Deputy
Hampshire Buildings Preservation Trust AGM	Cllrs Thomas Day and Cllr Leola Card
Local Government Association - General Assembly	Leader of the Council (Cllr Gareth Williams)
North Hampshire Area Road Safety Council	Cllr Christine Guinness with Cllr Keith Dibble as Standing Deputy
PATROL	Cllr Christine Guinness
Parity for Disability	Cllr Dave Bell
Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board	Cabinet Member and with local connection Cllr Christine Guinness
Project Integra Strategic Board	Cllr Christine Guinness (Cabinet Member)
Royal British Legion (Farnborough Branch) Remembrance Day Arrangements	Cllrs Christine Guinness and Gareth Lyon
Rushmoor Voluntary Services Board	Cllr Lisa Greenway

<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE(S) 2026/27</b>
South East Employers – Annual General Meeting	Cllr Gaynor Austin (Cabinet Member) and Cllr Keith Dibble as Standing Deputy
Thames Basin Heaths Joint Strategic Partnership Board	Cllr Keith Dibble (Cabinet Member)
Wellesley Residents Trust Ltd	Cllr Keith Dibble

### **REPRESENTATION ON COUNCIL GROUPS, PARTNERSHIPS AND BOARDS**

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE(S) 2026/27</b>
Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership	Cllr Christine Guinness (Cabinet Member)
Crime and Disorder Joint Scrutiny Committee	Chairs and Vice-Chairs of OSC
Rushmoor Development Partnership LLP (RDP) Board	Cllr Julie Hall, Managing Director (IH) and Executive Director (KE)
Rushmoor Housing Ltd (RHL) – Board of Directors	Cllrs Gareth Williams, Keith Dibble and one vacancy to be confirmed.
Programme Management Group	Chair of OSC, Vice-Chairs of OSC (Cllrs Harden and Betsworth) Chair of PPAB, Vice Chair of PPAB (Cllr Adeola or Cllr Makunura as Standing Deputy), Chair of AGC, Chair of LSC

# DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Report of the meeting held on Wednesday, 17th June, 2026 at the Concorde Room,  
Council Offices, Farnborough at 7.00 pm.

## **Voting Members**

Cllr Calum Stewart (Chair)  
Cllr Steve Masterson (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Jib Belbase  
Cllr Dave Bell  
Cllr Kevin Betsworth  
Cllr P.J. Cullum  
Cllr Thomas Day  
Cllr Dhan Sarki  
Cllr Nicky Slater

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Ivan Whitmee and  
Becky Williams.

## **Non-Voting Member**

Cllr Keith Dibble (ex officio) was absent from the meeting.

### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

### **2. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 15th April, 2026 and 23rd April, 2026 were  
approved and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

### **3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**RESOLVED:** That

- (i) the following application be determined by the Executive Head of Property  
and Growth, in consultation with the Chairman, subject to the prior  
completion of a S106 legal agreement and the conditions as detailed in the  
report:

\* 25/00537/OUTPP Land at Cody Technology Park and Ball Hill, Ively  
Road, Farnborough

- (ii) the applications dealt with by the Executive Head of Property and Growth, where necessary in consultation with the Chairman, in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation, more particularly specified in Section "D" of the Executive Head of Property and Growth's Report No. PG2613, be noted
- (iii) the current position with regard to the following applications be noted pending consideration at a future meeting:

21/00271/FULPP	Block 3, Queensmead, Farnborough
23/00713/FUL	Manor Park Cottage, St. Georges Road East, Aldershot
23/00794/REVPP	Farnborough Airport, Farnborough
24/00237/FUL	Nos. 235-237 High Street, Aldershot
25/00615/REV	Farnborough Airport, Farnborough Road, Farnborough
26/00181/FULPP	Site of Former Geneva House, No.1 Gladiator Way Farnborough
26/00182/FULPP	Warwick House, Lakeside Road, Farnborough
26/00211/REVPP	No.1 North Close, Aldershot

\* The Executive Head of Property and Growth's Report No. PG2613 in respect of these applications was amended at the meeting.

#### 4. **PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT) SUMMARY**

The Committee received the Executive Head of Property and Growth's Report No. PG2612, which provided an update on the position with respect to achieving performance indicators for the Development Management Section of the Planning Service and the overall workload of the Section for the quarter from 1st January to 31st March, 2026 (Q4).

In response to a query regarding the income budget estimate for 2026/27, it was noted that this was in line with the 2025/26 figures.

**RESOLVED:** That the Executive Head of Property and Growth's Report No. PG2612 be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.37 pm.