

## **Supplementary Information**

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL  
19 February 2014

Dear Councillor

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at next 19 February 2014 meeting of the Council, the following supplementary information that was unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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## Portfolio Holder Report – Council 19 February 2014

By Cllr Yvonne Weeks – Economy & Communities

### Economic Development/Business Support

#### **EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS**

Over 70 new local jobs will be created when Langbrook Farm restaurant opens in the spring. This new Farmhouse Inn site is currently under construction next to Langstone Technology Park, Langstone Road, Havant. All recruitment is being handled through the local Jobcentre and interviews will be held at Public Service Plaza at the end of February. This is an example of how the councils policy on employment and skills plans is helping local people access jobs and training opportunities.

#### **BUSINESS START UP GRANTS 2013/14**

Funding of £25,000 was allocated for 50 grants in 2013/14. The round opened on 2 April 2013 and was fully subscribed by mid July 2013. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year that the programme has operated. The 2013/14 programme has attracted a very high % of female applicants – 62% this year compared with 45 -50% in previous years. Take up has been much stronger in Leigh Park this year.

Here is a breakdown of this years applicants:

#### **GENDER**

MALE	19	(38%)
FEMALE	31	(62%)

#### **LOCATION**

HAVANT	16	(32%)
WATERLOOVILLE	11	(22%)
HAYLING	8	(16%)
EMSWORTH	5	(10%)
LEIGH PARK	10	(20%)

#### **Retail & Markets**

#### **HAVANT BOROUGH TOWN CENTRES VACANT UNITS**

Type of retailer	Havant	Waterlooville	Emsworth	Leigh Park
<b>Independents</b>	95 (37.7%)	69 (34.5%)	85 (70.8%)	35 (42.1%)
<b>Multiples</b>	60 (32.1%)	98 (49.0%)	28 (23.3%)	27 (32.5%)
<b>Charity</b>	12 (4.7%)	10 (5.0%)	4 (3.3%)	5 (6%)
<b>Vacant</b>	<b>18 (9.5%)</b>	<b>22 (11.0%)</b>	<b>3 (2.5%)</b>	<b>16 (19.3%)</b>
<b>total</b>	189	200	120	83

Nationally, footfall was down in the High Street over the Xmas period. This can be attributed to poor weather and the growth of on-line sales. However UK retail sales in December were up 5.3% on a year ago - the fastest annual sales growth in more than nine years.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployed Claimants and Residential Unemployment Rate:					December 2013	
<b>Havant</b>						
Census Area Statistic Ward	Males		Females		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Barncroft	106	5.9	50	2.6	156	4.2
Battins	133	6.9	83	4.0	216	5.3
Bedhampton	53	2.0	38	1.4	91	1.7
Bondfields	131	6.3	58	2.8	189	4.5
Cowplain	41	1.5	16	0.6	57	1.0
Emsworth	43	1.8	32	1.3	75	1.5
Hart Plain	99	3.5	49	1.6	148	2.5
Hayling East	77	3.1	44	1.7	121	2.3
Hayling West	54	2.5	23	1.0	77	1.7
Purbrook	62	2.2	25	0.9	87	1.5
St Faith's	62	2.5	40	1.5	102	2.0
Stakes	119	3.8	63	1.9	182	2.9
Warren Park	149	7.3	97	4.1	246	5.6
Waterloo	78	2.8	30	1.1	108	1.9
<b>Havant*</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1,855</b>	<b>2.5</b>

## Special Events

### Events

- Sat 15 Feb 2014. Emsworth Farmers Market, South St, Emsworth (1000 -1400) and every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month
- Tues 4 March 2014. Charity Pancake race. London Road precinct, Waterlooville (1200-1330)
- 23 May - 8 June 2014. 70th Commemoration of D-Day Festival (various locations)
- Saturday / Sunday 12/13 July 2014 Staunton Festival
- Saturday 26 July 2014 Waterlooville Food and Drink Festival
- 26 September - 15 October 2014. WemsFest: incorporating 2nd P G Wodehouse Festival (These dates have been amended) various locations in Emsworth and Westbourne.