

Portfolio Holder Reports

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL
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Dear Councillor

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at next 16 APRIL 2014 meeting of the Council, the following portfolio holder reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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By Cllr Tony Briggs – Leader & Finance Portfolio Holder

Ministerial visit to Dunsbury Hill Farm

Michael Fallon MP, the new Minister for Portsmouth, visited strategic economic sites in the Portsmouth/South Hampshire area in February. I joined the Leader of Portsmouth City Council, the Deputy Leader of Hampshire County Council and David Willetts, MP in a visit to a key employment site in our borough – Dunsbury Hill Farm. Mr Fallon and his civil service support staff gained an appreciation of the potential importance of Dunsbury Hill for the local area and the Solent region. They were very interested in our plans for the site.

Borough Development

On 12 March I attended a seminar organised by the Grainger Trust, the organisation managing the majority of affordable housing on the Berewood Development. The session was an opportunity to meet with Bill Flood the Project Director who presented some background to their organisation and their vision for the future. Discussion.

Hampshire-wide economic development meetings attended

- **Bridging the Gap** - I attended as the Hampshire Leader on this Panel. Phase 1 of the funding programme has been supporting new business start-ups and SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises) in Portsmouth, Gosport and Havant. Phase 2 has just been rolled out to the Southampton area.
- **Transport for South Hampshire & Isle of Wight (TfSHIoW)/Solent local Transport Board (LTB)** - I am on this board representing Hampshire District Leaders. Funding to help unlock the Dunsbury Hill Farm site has been supported by these public service partnerships with a focus on transport in the region.
- **Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) – Joint Committee of all Leaders** and I am also the new Chairman of the **Quality Places Panel**, a part of the partnership that focuses upon improvement of Hampshire-wide projects that enhance and protect the quality of the offer to businesses and employees in the area.

Property work - Emsworth Museum

The new 21 year lease of the Museum has now been completed enabling the museum to continue to provide a valuable service to residents and visitors to the Borough for many years. The facility is popular and well run with constantly changing displays. The Trust operates the museum completely independently of HBC, and is not grant dependent

Healthier communities in Havant

The Cabinet had a productive session with representatives from HCC; Cllrs Liz Fairhurst (Health & Social Care Portfolio) and Cllr Peter Edgar (Education Portfolio), Paul Archer (Director of Policy) and Dr Ruth Milton (Director of Public Health). The discussion focussed on what the Borough Council could do to support the County Council in tackling health inequalities given our responsibilities in services that have

an impact on healthy communities i.e. Housing, Environmental Health, Leisure. I also emphasised the important links between a healthy community and a well educated and economically active population; the data from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, undertaken by Public Health, shows that Havant fares poorly in many areas of health and this impacts on the ability of people to achieve good academic results and secure employment. Taking this forward, I have asked for a meeting with education representatives to discuss the scale of the challenge in Havant and importantly what influence we can bring to bear on service providers in this area.

Hampshire Partnership

I attended the Hampshire Partnership meeting this month. The main items on the agenda that were discussed included:

Broadband – We received a presentation on the current situation with broadband in Hampshire. It is anticipated that only 80% of the County will be able to access faster broadband speeds by the end of 2014 through the commercial market and further investment is needed to reach more people. There will be a three year programme of improvements to bring faster broadband to everyone in Hampshire. The County Council is already starting to draw up plans to deliver superfast broadband to at least 95% of the county by the end of 2017.

Flooding – A presentation was made by the Fire Service. They highlighted the key achievement of agencies in Hampshire working together. There were also some interesting statistics. Throughout the County there were 275 miles of road flooded, 15 bridges need to be inspected by divers, and repairs are likely to cost £25 – 36 Million and they also outlined the Central Government funding mechanisms.

Mayor's Civic Day

I was pleased to be invited to give a presentation at the Mayors Civic Day and took the opportunity to showcase the Plaza and the benefits of partnership working and the principles of a one stop shop. Following the presentation the guests were given a tour around the Public Service Plaza

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By Cllr Jackie Branson – Governance and Logistics

Electoral

The Borough elections this year will be combined with the European Parliamentary elections. Both will be held on 22 May 2014 to coincide with voting in Europe. The count for the local elections will be held at the Leisure Centre, Havant after the polls close on 22 May, commencing after the European ballot papers have been verified. The European count will take place in the Plaza on Sunday 25 May from 5.30 pm. No results for this can be announced until they have been agreed by the Regional Returning Officer in Southampton, after 9pm when polls close in Europe.

Democratic services

The Councillors' Training Programme is ongoing and all members were asked to complete a training needs assessment earlier this year to support a targeted approach to training. Sessions on Charing Skills, Strategic Leadership and Media Skills/Complaints Handling and have all been held recently and specialist training/conferences arranged for individual Councillors as required. Forthcoming planned training sessions will include Public Speaking, Overview and Scrutiny and Social Media, and invitations will be going out shortly. Good training is crucial in enabling Councillors to develop and carry out their roles effectively and I would encourage all Councillors to make every effort to attend training sessions. Your feedback is very important in helping to assess the effectiveness of training and I would also ask that evaluation forms are completed and returned at the end of each training session.

Revenues and Benefits

Welfare Reform

Removal of the spare room subsidy

The drafting error in the legislation that allowed some people an exemption from the removal of the spare room subsidy rules has now been corrected by the Department for Work & Pensions with effect from 3 March 2014.

All affected claims have now been re-assessed and arrears of housing benefit paid up to 2 March 2014. From 3 March 2014 the spare room subsidy deduction for these claims has been re-applied.

On 21 February, the Court of Appeal rejected the latest appeals against the removal of the spare room subsidy rules. It had been argued before the Court that the regulations were unlawful because they unfairly discriminated against people with disabilities, who have a need for accommodation larger than the rules allow because of their disability. The Court of Appeal found that whilst the regulations do contain

some discriminatory impact, overall the measure is lawful. Appeals to the Supreme Court are being considered.

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By Cllr Michael Cheshire – Marketing & Development

HUMAN RESOURCES

Councillor Development

The Councillors' Training Programme is ongoing. Sessions on Chairing Skills, Strategic Leadership and Media Skills have all been held recently and specialist training/conferences arranged for individual Councillors as required. Forthcoming planned training sessions will include Public Speaking, Overview and Scrutiny and Social Media.

Health & Wellbeing

The staff Health and Wellbeing Strategy is now embedded in the council. Health fairs have been held for staff at the Plaza to promote health awareness. These fairs have enabled local businesses to come in, meet staff and promote their products/facilities to support staff wellbeing. The feedback from these events has been positive and it is anticipated that further health fairs will be promoted in 2014/15 with more providers having an opportunity to showcase at the event.

Recruitment

The apprenticeship programme is now fully up and running with apprentices recruited to coastal and traffic service areas. Mentoring training has been provided to some council staff to enable the apprentices to be assigned a mentor to ensure their experience is meaningful. The apprenticeship programme will be expanded for 2014/15 to create more opportunities for skills development in the local area.

Work experience opportunities will also soon be available for local people in conjunction with the local job centre. This is an ideal way for the council to support people that are out of work and provide them with skills to increase their opportunities to gain employment. Managers have been asked if they can support work experience placements and HR will work with managers to identify opportunities for local people during 2014/15.

Corporate Training

The corporate training programme for 2013/14 has been delivered. This has led to increased training opportunities for staff and further skills development. The corporate training programme has been a mix of in-house and external delivery.

There has also been the opportunity for staff attending certain external courses to gain a recognised ILM accreditation in Leadership & Management. This is a nationally recognised qualification across sectors. There are a number of staff who have achieved ILM accreditation. This is a real plus for staff and a demonstration of council investment.

The 2014/15 corporate training programme is in the process of being developed with a key focus on investment in our staff so that we can 'grow our own' talent to support with succession planning processes and retain key skills.

Employee Engagement

The Staff Focus Group (SFG) and Sandy's Sounding Board have been key ways for the council to increase employee engagement during 2013/14. A success of the SFG for this year is the increase in response rate from staff to the staff survey (up 24% on last year).

Following the results of the staff survey HR, Communications and Performance Management workshops have been held with SFG representatives and other colleagues from the council to identify areas of focus for the council from a staff perspective. The information from these workshops will feed into the Peer Review Action Plan and the People Plan and highlight key areas of focus which are important to employees.

Marketing

The Website has adapted the new design will help customers accessing it from mobile phones. This recognising the significant increase in the use of mobile technology to access our services. We have introduced a new function under the 'report it' button which allows customers to record on a map where they are and take a picture and send this straight to us – ideal for easy reporting of litter or fly tipping.

We are applying marketing resources to support a campaign to reduce litter. The 'pick up or pay up' campaign is being managed by the Neighbourhood Quality Service Manager and aims to reduce litter and improve the cleanliness of our Borough. The campaign includes enhancing our enforcement tasks and improving our cleaning capabilities with some bespoke cleaning machines for the streets, supported by a targeted promotional campaign highlighting the consequences of being fined for litter dropping. The ultimate outcome of the campaign is to reduce some of the £700,000 a year we spend on cleaning up litter.

Customer Service

The Customer Service team has been busy with the increase in calls relating to the storms during February and early March concerning flooding in Hayling Island and Emsworth. Service standards have been retained even with an increase in the number of contacts. The team were also busy with renewing garden waste applications by post, in person or via the telephone. As of 3rd March 2014, 5081 (78%) customers have renewed their licence and there have been 141 new customers who have subscribed to the service. On average we receive between around 10,000 phone calls to the Council Customer Service team each month.

Preparation for the implementation of the Customer flow Management System continued throughout February and the system went live on 17th March 2014. The new system will bring the benefits of:

- Better experience for our customers and improve handling times at reception
- Ability to prioritise queues, urgent customers seen before others if we chose to do so
- Customers will have a specific audible and visual prompt to the right desk – an improvement to accessibility
- Accurate and real time management information – will be able to report on how long customers are waiting, how many services they accessed and reasons for visits.

- Managers of front line services will be able to see back office in real time what is happening in the Atrium enabling them to provide additional resource during busy times
- Booking of public interview rooms will be managed via the CFM, therefore streamlining the process as no longer having to access Outlook to book a room

We see an average of 2,500 customers per month at the reception desk. We will be introducing a new Customer Satisfaction survey to monitor what our customers think of our new Customer Flow processes.

We have improved our Service at the Beachlands Customer access point, increasing the number of services that we can help customers with at that service point. We carried out some significant research into the services that customers need to receive at South Hayling for our customers who prefer to come and see us face to face. We have added to the services at the Beachlands office to include Enquires regarding Housing, Housing Benefit/Council Tax enquiries and advice on Pest treatments.

Safer Havant Partnership

Hampshire Police continue to reshape their delivery patterns across the board. The new structures will mean that Havant will be managed by a Chief Inspector supported by two Inspectors.

There is a strong commitment to maintaining Neighbourhood Policing and especially to retaining PCSOs in each area.

ICT

Over the last year HBC working with HCC have improved the performance of the IT environment, thus enabling staff to be more efficient and effective in their use of IT. Furthermore improvements have been made in key areas such as Planning where staff using dual screens have been provided with newer winterms that allow better dual screen functionality, also the Coastal team have benefited from our new technology (mobile winterms) which has allowed better access to critical systems from any location across the south coast.

Alongside these fundamental hardware developments we have been busy over the last year improving the software used on a day to day basis. Applications such as Acolaid Enterprise (Planning) and Modern.gov (Democratic Services) have been newly implemented whilst other applications like the Condeco room booking system, SignPlot (Parking & Traffic), Epitaph (Cememtries) and Cedar (Finance) have all been upgraded to newer versions.

IT Performance

In the last year we have seen a steady drop in the number of helpdesk calls being raised by HBC staff to Hampshire County Council IT, moreover we have also seen a steady increase in customer satisfaction from the quarterly surveys. On average the IT helpdesk take 390 calls from HBC staff per month, of which over 96% are closed within 4 hours.

Havant Borough Council Peer Review

In January we took part in a very successful Peer Review as part of the Local Government Association's Peer Challenge.

As a council, Havant Borough Council prides itself on being at the forefront of innovation and change in Local Government, in particular partnership working. By taking part in the Peer Review, the council aims to adopt best practice as recommended by its peers. The Peer Review Team was asked to analyse our partnerships and areas of business such as our vision and strategies, and the council's ability to deliver its objectives.

A panel of peers comprising of leading Chief Executives, Council Leaders and Private Sector experts came to Havant Borough Council and interviewed the management team, councillors, talked to customers, staff and partners as well as observing council meetings to get an understanding of how we operate.

The Peer Review Team provided Joint Management Team and Cabinet with a presentation of initial feedback, this was then followed up with a detailed feedback report which includes further information regarding the successes achieved and challenges faced by Havant Borough Council, along with suggested areas for consideration for our next steps and future direction.

The peer review proved a valuable exercise and the report has been shared with all Councillors and staff and is available to the public on the Havant Borough Council website.

The feedback highlighted many strengths- the team clearly recognised us as an ambitious Council 'punching above our weight'. As well as helping us to see some areas that require more attention and development.

In response to the feedback an action plan has been developed to ensure that all the suggestions are considered and progressed. This plan is frequently monitored to ensure its implementation is progressing and that the improvements for our services and outcomes for customers are realised.

A Councillor seminar took place on Monday 24th March to update Councillors with feedback from the report and to discuss the progress of the action plan and next steps. We will also be utilising further support from the Local Government Association to ensure completion of the work. There will be ongoing communication to Councillors in the coming months with the progress and outcomes from the improvement plan.

Performance Management

Performance across the Council has generally been good during the year with a broad increase in timeliness across services, higher collection rates of taxes and rates and a generally improving economic picture; with levels of debts beginning to reduce and Clusters delivering better value for money.

The method of reporting performance across the Council has evolved and improved unrecognisably over the year, moving from forty page, difficult to decipher, reports to straightforward dashboards designed and created by the Business Improvement team.

The newly designed dashboards provide a wider range of information than before. They now incorporate sickness levels, financial and budgetary information. As before they show performance for each clusters, but now provide an easily accessible corporate summary. As such they give a strategic overview of performance, showing trends, setting data in context and enabling further analysis. However, the greatest improvement is that information is now displayed graphically with simple charts and accompanying narratives. This enables Councillors to view a wider range of data and judge performance at a glance, quickly and easily; rather than having to cross reference through tables of figures.

The introduction of dashboards has been universally welcomed by the Joint Management Team, Cabinet and Scrutiny Panel Leads. The time taken at the various overview meetings has been dramatically reduced with far fewer questions needing to be asked, as the information presented is concise, pertinent and set in the context of both present day constraints and opportunities, but also as a trend over the last few quarters.

As well as the way performance data is presented Business Improvement have overhauled the type of information that is collected and measured. At the start of the year a review was undertaken of the performance indicators to be reported against during the year. This reduced the overall amount of indicators by concentrating on targets that reflect recognisable outcomes for the customer, and help to drive improvements. We also changed the way that data was collected, collated and analysed. By introducing smarter electronic collection methods Business Improvement have reduced the time taken to produce performance reports and reduced the burden on services to provide the necessary information, by making things easier.

Next year will see further improvements in how performance is reported. We are devising ways of capturing customer information and incorporating this into our performance measures. We will also review and reconfigure performance indicators again so that they continue to drive service improvement; and provide a more structured analytical narrative of performance by bringing all of these elements together. This is under development and will be phased into the quarterly reports during the year.

Business Planning

During the year Business Improvement have worked across all clusters and with Councillors to plan for the future. This has included creating business plans that were set on a zero based budget. The team worked with each service to develop plans focussing on outcomes for customers and then plan how these could be delivered. This work was then amalgamated to provide Cluster business plans and provide a budgeted, and planned blueprint for service delivery and improvement during 2014/15.

In addition to this the team have worked across the Council to develop ideas for change and improvement presented by Councillors and Officers alike. These were collated, refined and prioritised to ensure that they will address budgetary constraints, whilst working towards the goals for how the Council should look and feel in 2020 that were

delivered during the Future Basing work. As such a number of priorities have been identified, which have been organised into four work streams under a new Service Futures Programme.

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By Cllr David Collins – Environment & Neighbourhood Quality

Sustainable Transport & Implementation

Park Road South, Havant Enhancement (HBC / HCC S106 Funded)

Work on the two sections between West Street and Solent Road has been completed and the feedback so far has been very positive. Minor remedial works will be carried out in the Spring.

Park Road North, Havant Enhancement (HCC Funded)

Works have been completed with some minor remedial works programmed for the Spring. A further phase of works, along the KFC frontage to widen the footway has been identified. and a Feasibility Study into how this can be achieved is currently under way.

Hayling Billy Trail Phase 4 - Bridge Approaches (HBC / HCC S106 Funded)

This project covers two discrete locations; from the south end of the Bridge to the Hayling Island Service Station, and along the frontage of the Langstone Sailing Club HQ building. Work started on 6th January and will be complete by Easter. The section south of the Bridge has almost been completed with the path widened and surfaced. Other work will be undertaken after Easter. The contractor will then remain on site to undertake surfacing of 250m of the Hayling Billy Trail itself, between Havant Road and the old railway line.

Morelands School (HCC Funded Safe Routes to School)

Phase 3 of this project, widening of the path between Crookhorn Lane and The Thicket, is now expected to be constructed in 2015.

Emsworth Feasibility Studies (HCC Funded)

Five feasibility study packages have now been awarded by HCC to investigate the best way to implement new sustainable travel infrastructure in Emsworth, local councillors and I have received a second update report. Public engagement is planned to allow the studies to progress with key inputs from local stakeholders following the draft report being issued in early April.

Implementation of any schemes arising from the studies would be in the period summer 2014 – spring 2015.

Southleigh Road, Footway Widening (HCC Funded)

A small scheme requested by Warblington School and funded by HCC, for the creation of a wider waiting area adjoining the south side of the level crossing gates in Southleigh Road, has been completed on schedule and within budget.

Dunsbury Way TfSH_Environmental Enhancements & changes to bus stops

Continued work on the second option to compare it to the original option has been undertaken. They will also taken to Safety Audit for comparison. Planning permission to install the new bus shelter on the northbound side will progress shortly. Local Councillors and myself will be consulted on the second option once further design work is undertaken. It is still envisaged that the project can be on site summer 2014.

West Beachlands Surface Dressing Works (HBC Funded)

Works to include the construction of a soakaway in the verge adjacent to the Sunset Café to alleviate a flooding issue in the area, was carried out in March 2014. Further work is required on the access road to the disabled parking spaces at West Beachlands, the condition of the access road will be assessed during March 2014.

Frendstaple Road Cycle Route (HCC / HBC Green Transport Funded)

Works to provide a cycle route from A3 London Road to Park Lane via Highfield Avenue, The Glade and Tempest Avenue, including the extension to Sapphire Ridge was completed in February 2014.

Car Park Slurry Sealing (HBC Funded)

Work has commenced to carry out the slurry sealing of four of our car parks; South Street Emsworth, Greywell Car Park Leigh Park, Rockville Drive and Wellington Way Waterlooville. It is anticipated that each car park will be either fully or partially closed whilst the works are carried out however due to the nature of the works, there will be a period of approximately seven days between the completion of the slurry sealing and the laying of the lining works during this period the car park will remain unlined. There will be extensive consultation with the Parking Partnership to ensure that any disruption is kept to a minimum. It is anticipated that the works will be completed in April 2014.

Bedhampton Way Pedestrian Refuge (HCC Funded)

Works to provide a safe crossing point across Bedhampton Way opposite Keats House was completed during January 2014.

LSTF Waterlooville Cycle Strategy (HCC Funded)

A feasibility report on the options available to connect the various cycle routes leading into Waterlooville Town Centre has been prepared and is currently with HCC for comment before a formal consultation process with HBC & HCC Councillors is commenced.

Front Lawn Junior School (HCC Funded Safe Routes to School)

Works to improve the junction of Broadmere Avenue and High Lawn Way and provide an on road cycle route from Middle Park Way to Dunsbury Way along High Lawn Way, utilising the existing highways has been completed during March 2014.

Southmoor Lane Cycle Lane (HBC Funded)

Works to provide a cycle lane along Southmoor Lane commenced in March 2014. The scheme to complete the lining and signing works commenced in April 2014.

Hayling Island Access Trail (PUSH Funded)

The Seafront Footpath Cycleway is complete except for some minor repairs in Eastoke car park and some additional work at the COPP memorial section. These

works are to be carried out in April. There is a joint project with HCC on the Hayling Billy Trail. The resurfacing of the southern portion of the Billy Trail at Hayling Station Theatre is now complete. HCC are organising refurbishment of the railway signal arm and new benches in the northern section to be carried out this Spring.

Footpath 88 Extension Feasibility (HCC minor works)

A feasibility study has been carried out to look at options to extend footpath 88 (Tournurbury Lane to Mill Rythe Schools) to the rear of Mill Rythe Schools and create a new entrance to the schools. A prefer option was agreed but unfortunately the land lease holder would not agree to the proposals. Funding for this project has now been pulled and will be put towards the reserve project Church Road / Havant Road roundabout pedestrian and sight line improvements.

Hambledon Parade (HBC S106 Funding)

Tenders came back and Rocon Contractors won the tender. Construction started at the end of March 2014.

Rachael Madocks Crossing (HCC Funded)

Design completed. Discussions with the local councillors have been carried out. The project will be tendered by mid April 2014.

Havant Park Havant Railway Station to Havant Bus Station LSTF

The Intelligent Traffic System design for the Toucan Elm Lane is underway along with design improvements from Havant Railway Station to Havant Bus Station. Once complete consultation and tender process will be undertaken.

Parking Strategy/Management & Traffic Management

The revised parking charges in the town centre car parks as agreed by Council went live on 4 April 2014.

The new Residents Shoppers Permits which enable residents to park at the beginning and the end of the day without purchasing a pay and display ticket are being actively promoted. Information on how to buy the £50 annual permit is available on our web site, with this year's Council Tax bills, on posters in the community centres, libraries and in many local businesses.

I have agreed the new traffic management works programme for 2014/15 and is available from the Team on request.

Recent work of the team has included:

- Park Parade – 4 limited wait bays and a disabled bay outside the library – Will be operational on Friday 02 May 2014.
- Brooklands Road – Consultation period end 21 March 2014.

Public Realm Enforcement, including travellers

The ranger team is now totally focussed on patrolling for street scene offences and are targeting patrols at varying times across all town and district centres.

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) have been issued for fly tipping and dog fouling offences. In addition, the rangers are patrolling many of the parks and open spaces with particular emphasis on popular dog walks such as Broadmarsh Coastal Park and Emsworth Recreation ground.

In May this year, additional enforcement officers will be brought in to target those that drop litter and allow their dogs to foul in a public place. Officers are in the process of finalising a contract with a private provider of environmental enforcement services to introduce this extra resource to the borough.

Community Safety

Supporting Troubled Families

As we enter year three the Havant Supporting Troubled Families scheme is progressing well – to date some 120 families with problems related to

- Education
- Worklessness and
- Crime/ASB

The Government have recently announced phase two which will take the scheme into the first year of the new Parliament.

Members will have received “lift cards” to inform their understanding of the project.

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By Cllr Mike Fairhurst – Operational Services

Waste & Recycling Strategy & Management

Garden Waste Collection Service

This remains a popular service and as of the end of March 5,778 licences had been sold. Bins/bags have been delivered to customers in advance of their first collection.

New textile collection contract

The council have now joined the Hampshire framework agreement for the collection and recycling of textiles on council owned land.

Textiles bring banks that were operated by two local charities and located on council sites were removed at the end of March. The new style banks, which are blue and red, were installed during the first week of April. Additional bring bank sites have been identified and it is planned to have banks on these sites in the very near future making textile recycling more convenient for residents.

The new textile collection contract will be operated by The European Recycling Company who are the largest clothing re-wear and recycling company in the world. It is hoped that the two charities will continue to benefit from the income generated under the new contract agreement and they may also locate their own banks on private sites within the borough.

Streetcare

We have purchased 2 ‘Gumwand’ chewing gum removal machines’. These machines will be used by our frontline team members to enhance the overall appearance of the borough including shopping precincts, district shop sites and other high profile locations within the Borough. We will also offer our services to external customers.

Open Spaces

Our new seasonal grass cutting personnel have been trained and are now undertaking work throughout the borough. Verge cutting commenced late March but it should be noted that there are some areas of Bedhampton and Havant that will not have verges mown until mid May due to the fact that daffodils have flowered and need to be left at 6 weeks before being cut back to ensure future growth.

Coastal Recreation

Work has been completed to realign and reposition some of the displaced beach huts which were affected by the storms and high winds during February. The Engineering Works Team carried out this work at the end of March.

It has not been possible to attend to all of the huts that were displaced as, in an effort to offer additional protection from the sea, some need to be relocated and we are seeking advice regarding the most suitable locations.

Maintenance work has also been undertaken within the car parks affected by the storms along the same stretch of West beachlands.

Vehicle Workshop & Fleet Management

The Workshop team has been busy undertaking work on machinery in preparation for the verge cutting season and are continuing to inspect Taxis for the licensing department.

The team has also carried out maintenance on ground care equipment for Chichester Council.

We have recently taken delivery of a new Digger for use in our cemeteries and also two new vehicles for the Street Sweeping team. These vehicles were purchased as part of our ongoing fleet replacement programme.

Sustainability

The latest Switch Hampshire Domestic and Business scheme closed in February this year. Following an auction, where energy suppliers bid against each other to offer their best tariffs, the savings and the percentage of those who can save from this scheme is high. From those that registered for the scheme, using an online dual fuel bill as an example, the average saving is over £190 per annum.

The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) has released details of the first six successful bids for funding under the Green Deal Communities fund to support roll out of the Green Deal locally.

The decision for a joint bid with East Hampshire District Council is yet to be decided, although DECC have indicated that a further announcement is imminent.

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By Cllr David Guest – Planning and Built Environment

Planning Policy

The Allocations Local Plan is progressing to Examination starting on 29 April in the Council Chamber and is programmed to last 3 days. All the Statements for people appearing at the Examination had to be completed by 4 April. The earliest we will hear from the Inspector after the Examination is likely to be mid June.

'Emsworth Forum' are in the process of seeking designation as the first area in the Borough to qualify to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan. The six week consultation ran from 24 February until 7 April. The Council will then have to consider whether the Emsworth Forum qualify as a Neighbourhood Planning body.

As Housing developments continue to commence the Council is sending out more and more notices for CIL payments. Work on developing spending priorities is being accelerated and further information on options will be brought to Councillors in early summer.

Planning Performance and Planning Contributions

The Government recently published a consultation called "Planning performance and planning contributions". The consultation runs from 23 March to 4 May 2014. In effect the Government are proposing to raise the threshold for designating authorities as under performing, based on the speed of deciding applications for major development. At the moment it is 30% of applications not determined within 13 weeks. It is proposed to raise this to 40%. This is in line with the announcement that was made in the Autumn statement last year. The consultation is also proposing to introduce a 10 unit and 1,000 square metres gross floor space threshold for affordable housing contributions through S106 planning obligations. Our adopted Local Plan threshold is 5 units so this proposal would have an impact.

Building Control

Income for Building Control up to the end of February 2014 was £248,000. This is already higher than the previous year end figure for 2012/13 which was £241,000 with a further month of income still to be generated. This increased income has been achieved with no increased staff resource or cost.

Coastal Management

- **Environment Agency Medium Term Plan Submission**

The Medium Term Plan (MTP) submission for Havant Borough Council has now been submitted to the Environment Agency. This process is normally undertaken in May/ June but was brought forward with only 3 weeks notice for submission, so has involved significant efforts from the team. The process has been brought forward to allow for details of the programme to be included in the Chancellor's 2014 Autumn Statement.

The plan bids for funding for projects and schemes with particular focus on the next 6 years. We have been informed that we will receive a 6 year Capital programme from 2015/16 following this submission, which is a significant change from previous years.

The plan includes a bid for schemes such as the continuing Beach Management at Eastoke, and additional drainage/ access points along the Eastoke prom, and continuation of the environmental studies considering the impact to the bird life within the Solent and future habitat creation sites.

- **Eastoke Point Coastal Defence Works**

The Eastoke Point area performed excellently over the recent stormy period and certainly prevented widespread flooding. Without the scheme in place we would have witnessed a much different scale of Emergency response required. Instead, the flooding experienced was predominantly via the Creek Road car park and water volumes were controlled sufficiently to prevent significant problems arising.

Monitoring of beach movements via GPS surveys is ongoing. At present, the area at the harbour entrance is looking very healthy and previous concerns regarding depletion of the beach profile are not currently evident. The issue of sinkholes where shingle covers the rock structure also continues to be monitored. Fortunately the severe wave climate has helped consolidate the shingle within the rock structure and incidents of sinkhole formation are far less frequent.

We are still negotiating the final contract, but the scheme has been constructed within budget, with all funding coming via Flood Defence Grant in Aid.

- **South Hayling Beach Management Plan**

The beach recycling works were completed this year by the 14th March using one of our Framework Contractors (Les Searle Plant Hire). The recycling works were undertaken earlier than usual due to the continued low beach levels at Eastoke following the winter storms and on going emergency works. In total over 30,000m³ of shingle was recycled from the west Hayling frontage back to Eastoke over a period of 3 weeks. The majority of this shingle was extracted from Gunner Point following successful liaison with Hayling Golf Club who granted access to their land. The total cost of the contractors for the emergency beach works in January and February and the beach recycling contract is over £245,000, all paid for through Environment Agency FDGiA funding. We anticipate to further top up the beach levels at Eastoke using material dredged from the Chichester Harbour entrance channel at some point over the coming months. This would be undertaken by Boskalis Westminster who are the preferred bidder of our short term service contract to maintain the entrance

channel over the next 4 years. Over the next few months we will apply for full planning permission to incorporate the whole south Hayling beach frontage in to our BMP recycling programme, in an effort to manage the frontage in a more efficient and cost effective manner.

- **Winter Storms / Storm Damage**

The winter period has seen an extraordinary frequency of extreme wave condition occurrences. Emergency works were instigated in January, using contractors from our Minor Works Framework and they have been consistently working on site, only recently finishing in mid March. After the first major event at the start of January, the contractors mobilised within two days to provide much needed remedial works to reduce flood risk to our residents.

Working under our approved Beach Management budget, costs for Emergency Works (circa £75k) have been met from Flood Defence Grant in Aid after successfully bidding for contingency funding due to the extreme conditions.

Delivery of the recent Eastoke Point Scheme certainly prevented serious flooding to the area and negated the need for any beach recycling works to be undertaken on that part of our frontage. Feedback from residents has been excellent, at a time when they could see regular national news items reporting public frustration due to lack of support or communication.

Other assets within the Borough witnessed damage due to the weather and a separate bid for Emergency funding has been collated and submitted to the Environment Agency. The main asset in question is the Broadmarsh revetment that currently protects a landfill area, where several failures put the remaining structure at risk. Contractors have already been appointed and a business case for Emergency Funding submitted (circa £100k) to support the wider bid. We are awaiting a decision on this funding.

Development Management

Major Developments – Progress update

Residential schemes

Woodcroft Farm, Eagle Avenue, Cowplain

An application proposing a development of 293 residential units comprising 6 x one bedroom, 115 x two bedroom, 132 x three bedroom and 40 x four bedroom houses with the retention of existing farmhouse and a new access road from Eagle Avenue was considered at the meeting of the Development Management Committee (DMC) held on 23 January. Members resolved to grant permission subject to a S106 agreement securing a range of contributions.

Copseys Nursery/Manor Farm, Havant

Work is progressing on the delivery of houses across the site. Early difficulties with construction traffic accessing the site in breach of the Construction Management Plan have been resolved following improved communication between the developers and the local community.

Land to west of London Road, Purbrook (part of MDA)

A Reserved Matters application for 246 residential dwellings which comprise phase 2 of the Berewood development within the West of Waterlooville MDA development, (within HBC boundaries) was submitted recently and will be reported to the DMC in the near future.

Land south of Scratchface Lane, Havant

The Reserved Matters approval application for 92 dwellings was approved in October 2013. The pre-commencement conditions have now been discharged and work has recently commenced on site.

Goldring Close, Hayling Island

Discussions are underway with prospective developers (Bellway Homes) in advance of the submission of a Reserved Matters application.

Commercial schemes

Dunsbury Hill Farm - 61,000sqm mixed B1, B2 & B8 plus 95 bed hotel/conference facility

Formal planning permission has now been issued following completion of a complex S106 Agreement between the Borough and County Council's and Portsmouth City Council. Work on discharging the pre-commencement planning conditions is progressing with the key ecology conditions approved which will enable the granting of a protected species licence from Natural England which is required before the necessary tree felling can take place close to the site entrance. Works on the site entrance could commence as early as May and the improvement works to the 'ASDA' roundabout at Purbrook Way/Hulbert Road are expected to start later in the year.

BAE site, Waterlooville - mixed redevelopment

An application proposing a mixed-use employment, leisure and retail development involving the demolition of main building and the erection of a hotel, cinema, three restaurants, a public house, a drive-thru restaurant, a foodstore and the retention of existing buildings for use as either offices or conversion to a bowling complex/health and fitness centre & restaurant was considered in December. Work on the s106 Agreement is concluding and the formal permission will be issued in the very near future.

Solent Trade Park, Solent Road, Havant

Construction work has recently been completed on Units 1 and 2 of the redeveloped Solent Trade Park site, which will allow for the relocation of Emsworth Mould Polishers and Havant Motor Factors to new, purpose-built premises. Work is now underway on phase 2 of the development which will complete the regeneration of the site.

Sainsbury's site, Waterlooville

We have been advised that work will commence on the new retail store in April 2014.

Planning appeals decisions

Merok House Rest and Convalescent Home – an application to extend the existing home was refused by the Development Management Committee at a meeting held in September 2013 due to concerns about the impact of the development on the amenities of adjacent residents. The Inspector concluded that whilst the proposal would lead to some loss of sunlight during the winter months to neighbouring property, he considered that given the relatively limited period in which this would occur that any harm would not be significant and did not warrant the refusal of the appeal.

West of Waterlooville Major Development Area

At its meeting held on 19 February 2014 the Council resolved to set up a Joint West of Waterlooville Major Development Area Planning Committee with Winchester City Council. This is subject to Winchester City Council agreeing and they are reporting to meetings of their Planning Development Control Committee on 27 March and to their Council meeting on 2 April 2014. The terms of reference of the Joint Committee were considered at the meeting of the DMC held on 27 March 2014.

Planning workloads

The Development Management team are continuing to receive a high workload, particularly of major planning applications and pre-application enquiries. Planning application fee income is again significantly ahead of budget, reflecting the number of major proposals under consideration.

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Portfolio Holder Report – Council 16 April 2014

By Cllr Yvonne Weeks – Economy & Communities

Housing Services

Development Update

Quarter 4 (Jan-Mar 2014)

No new development completions however a large number predicted for 2014/2015.

27 additional Help to Buy transactions completed in this quarter. Radian has recently been awarded the tender for the new Help to Buy Agency Service Lot 7- South that replaces the Homebuy Agency. This may necessitate a rebranding of the current Homes in Hants scheme as the coverage of the new Agency will extend to Wiltshire, North Somerset, Bristol, Bath, Gloucestershire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire, and of course Hampshire & IOW.

Totals for the year to date April 2013 to March 2014

Social Rent	2
Affordable Rent	49
Shared Equity	2
Shared Ownership	20
First Buy	16
Help to Buy	83

Current development sites

- **Hampshire Farm, Emsworth-** Construction continues with delivery scheduled throughout 2014.
- **Mary Rose House, Woolston Road-** 25 affordable units, to be delivered by Guinness Hermitage, delivery scheduled for June 2014.
- **St Michaels Convent-** 25 affordable units to be delivered by Linden Homes in partnership with Guinness Hermitage. Completion anticipated from May 2014 onwards.
- **Dukes Meadow-** Phases 3 & 4, 88 affordable units, mixed tenure to be delivered by Taylor Wimpey in partnership with Radian, application granted 28/06/2013. Affordable housing within HBC area expected late 2014 onwards.
- **Little Oaks, Emsworth-** originally 14 affordable units but now revised to 6 following viability assessment. These agreed as Discounted Market Sale. Start on site achieved.
- **Former Cricketers pub site, Leigh Park-** 10 units, all Affordable Rent. Radian to complete construction October 2014.

- **Dukes Meadow, Waterlooville Phase 2-** Extra 21 Affordable homes following conversion of commercial to residential. Mixed tenure to be delivered by Guinness Hermitage.
- **Manor Farm/ Copseys Nursery-** 67 affordable units across 2 phases, First Wessex in Partnership with Barratts. Start on site achieved.
- **Warblington School-** Granted permission 16/05/2013, 23 affordable units, mixed tenure, Bloor Homes in partnership with Guinness Hermitage, start on site achieved. Delivery date to be confirmed.
- **Homewell House-**14 units of supported accommodation to be delivered by Havant Housing Association.
- **Goldring Close, Hayling Island-** Planning approved, 39 affordable units, possible RP Home Group.

Housing Advice and Homelessness

Use of Bed & Breakfast has been quite high in the last quarter of the year and reflects the increase in the numbers of homeless customers applying to us for assistance.

During the month of February we had 9 people in B&B. Three of these households are still in B&B due to their cases being subject to a review and awaiting vacancies in appropriate accommodation. During March 3 people were placed into B&B. One is a review, one was an emergency out of hours call out who has now moved onto a refuge and the other is a family who is waiting for a Supported Tenancy to become vacant. At the time of writing this report there are five households in B&B.

During January & February 2014 there were 1200 customers who came into the Plaza for Housing Advice. This is a 50% increase in comparison to the same period for the year before.

The increase is due to a number of reasons – as partner organisations work within the Plaza such as the CAB and Children’s Services customers can see a Housing Advisory Officer at the same time which is very positive and saves them the inconvenience of visiting different venues. In addition there is the impact of the Housing Benefit changes which has increased the footfall and since Havant BC has taken on all the transfer applicants from Guinness Hermitage officers have seen a marked increase in Hampshire Home Choice enquiries.

Mortgage Rescue Scheme ends 31/3/2014 and the Team has been working on 5 final cases for Mortgage Rescue and they are now all passed over to Radian to process now.

We welcome to new members of the team this month - Maria Watson as a Housing Support Officer and Sarah Tate Housing Advisory Officer.

Arts

Nothing to report

Sport & Physical Activity

Three nominees from the Havant Sports Awards are finalists in the Hampshire Sports Awards which takes place on Wed 2nd April at St Marys stadium, Southampton.

A national programme which promotes the benefits of ping pong in older people has been a huge hit with Havant residents. The Council has facilitated a number of community events to promote the programme and following these, a number of ping pong groups have been established.

As one of four public health funded schemes the 'Couch to 5K' course is due to start in early April. Organised in partnership with Victory Athletics Club, this scheme will give up to 30 individuals the opportunity to follow a beginners running course, enabling them to improve their health and wellbeing in a supportive and social environment. Two courses are being delivered from Havant and West Leigh, with further courses due to run from other areas of the Borough in the near future.

Community Development

Approved By You

6 projects in Emsworth were supported to a total of £2785, with approximately 70 people taking part in the voting process. The Hayling event has been rescheduled to take place on Tuesday 29th April.

Voluntary Sector support

The Council has asked Community First to work with Home Start Havant to support them through a period of financial difficulty.

Emsworth

Emsworth Community Association have received a £100,000 grant from Hampshire County Council which will enable them to employ a part-time member of staff to assist with setting up new projects and enable them to reach out to families living on Thorney Island.

Hayling Island

Hayling & Warblington Local Children's Partnership held their annual Impact Event on Tuesday 18 March 2014 at Warblington School where the following objectives were agreed for the Partnership: transition, attendance and parenting continue.

Hayling Billy Heritage project is progressing and will shortly be tendering for a Project Worker.

HBC are supporting Hayling Police to deliver a “missing person” style event egg hunt event on Weds 9th April 2014 aiming to raise awareness of the subject with children, young people and their families.

Hayling College hosted the Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) to explore ways the community can work together to reduce the consumption of alcohol in the 11-15 year members of the community. HBC Community team is be the link between the CAP and other voluntary sector partners.

Leigh Park

The Barncroft and Bondfields Community First Panels have now met to co-ordinate their fourth and final year of funding. Each panel has distributed £11,300 to local groups for projects taking place during the 2014/15, with 23 groups working in Leigh Park being allocated funding.

Officers will be taking on the role of chairing the Leigh Park Network meetings, working in partnership with Leigh Park Community Association. These meetings provide a good opportunity for organisations working in Leigh Park to network and will enable Officers to further engage with local groups.

Leigh Park Community Association have recently appointed a new Centre Co-ordinator and are working with The College of Social Care to employ an apprentice.

Waterlooville area

The Waterlooville Community Forum events team are planning events for 2014, to include the popular Summer Fete and Christmas Grotto. They are also planning a re-enactment event in Waterlooville town centre in 2015 to commemorate the Battle of Waterloo.

The Waterlooville Community Forum Community planning team have identified the top priorities from the Consultation surveys and are in the process of contacting relevant partners and agencies to action the points made by local residents.

The Wecock Big Local group organised their 3rd Community Chest event, allocating grants of up to £500 for new projects that benefit the residents of Wecock Farm. A further, and final, event will be held in April 2014.

The Big Local group have also written a Community profile and created a film to be launched in May showing how Wecock Farm stands today and what people think of the area.

Facebook is proving a popular way of reaching many age groups in the Waterlooville area, with the Waterlooville Community Development Facebook page having over 1,600 followers.

West of Waterlooville MDA

After numerous warnings, on March 17th ten horses were removed from the Taylor Wimpey/Grainger site at West of Waterlooville in an overnight operation by Winchester City Council accompanied by GRC Bailiffs. The horses had repeatedly strayed into the road, posing serious road traffic hazards, and into residents' gardens causing nuisance.

There is an ongoing problem with litter and waste in Tiller Road/Sickle Way on the MDA which affects both WCC & HBC residents and is a significant drain on resources. A joint action plan has been agreed, with officers from both authorities jointly door knocking, bin numbering and education planned for early April.

Working in partnership with Radian, the Police and both WCC and HBC, a community survey is being distributed to all properties on Old Park Farm to give residents the opportunity to share community safety concerns. The survey will be followed up by an Easter Community Day where agencies will be on hand to answer questions and offer reassurance. The results of the Community Survey will be used to draw up a joint action plan by the Partnership.

A briefing session was held for local Councillors to meet with Radian to discuss the issues presented on the development at the West of Waterlooville. It was agreed the main issues are the inappropriate reporting of incidents and the perception residents hold of Radian as the Housing Provider for the development. Several actions were agreed and it is hoped this work will address these issues.

The Old Park Farm Residents Association held a special General Meeting at which they agreed to focus on engaging with new members, developing the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and ensuring residents views are represented as Planning Applications for Phase 5 are considered.

Meals on Wheels

The table below shows customer take up of the Meals on Wheels service:

	w/c 8 th April 2013	w/c 20 th January 2014
Customers receiving meals Monday –Friday	46	119
Customers receiving meals Saturday and Sunday	19	78
Customers temporarily suspended *	-	6

* These are customers not receiving a meal due to, for example, being in hospital, a hospital appointment, a visit a relative etc.

An Afternoon tea service is now also provided; these are delivered at the same time as the mid day hot lunch and include a sandwich, savoury pastry, fruit, piece of cake and a juice drink. The cost of the teas is not subsidised by Hampshire County Council. There are already over 700 individual teas being delivered to customers per week throughout the county.

Food and Friendship service

This service was actively promoted from 1st June 2013, to enable the meals on wheels provider, Apetito, to concentrate on the meals service and for the drivers to familiarise themselves with the rounds and their customers. There have been 37 referrals, with 9 receiving visits and a further 2 awaiting allocation with the local voluntary organisations.

The discrepancy in numbers is due again in part to those not receiving a meals on wheels at the moment e.g. in hospital (require to be in receipt of meals on wheels for 2 weeks before F&F visits to begin) and those who after referral do not wish to start the service immediately, or where a Food & Friendship befriender cannot be sourced.

The priority now is to ensure those who are referred go on to accept and benefit from the service. Critically, with the introduction of the afternoon tea service, the Food & Friendship service has a much larger window so visits can now take place up until 4pm.

The local voluntary organisations carrying out the visits in the borough are: Christchurch & Portsdown Good Neighbours Group and Age Concern Cowplain are the voluntary organisations delivering Food and Friendship.

Special Events

In order to commemorate the commencement of WW1 and the 70th anniversary of D-Day, the following activities are planned for the borough:

Promoting events in the borough

Many communities are planning local events to commemorate both landmarks. HBC Community Officers will be capturing the various activities, offering support and assistance with both sourcing funding for the events and planning the events. It is proposed the HBC hosts a web page where the organisers can promote their activities, acting as a central source for the community. This web page will also provide a source of information for organisers, such as funding advice

Havant Borough Council run events

A) Community event

A small grant pot of £4k has been made available within the community budget to support WW1 and D-Day events. The intention is to run an “Approved by You” style of event for young people to bid for small grant funding – this will be promoted through schools and other youth organisations. Groups will be invited to present their project to Councillors, with an aware of up to £250 being made to all those who present. An advanced deadline for applicants will ensure the budget can be fairly allocated to all requesting funding.

B) “Thank You” event

The Council will then host a “thank you” event in the Autumn, around Armistice Day.

C) Commemoration event

A solemn event will be hosted in recognition of both landmarks. Working with the Royal British Legion through the Mayor’s office, the event will be built around Armed Forces week.

Economic Development/Business Support

Unemployment figures.

There was a small fall in unemployment last month - down from 1929 (2.6) in Jan to 1877 (2.6%) Unemployment is fairly stable across the region

Unemployed Claimants and Residential

Unemployment Rate:

February 2014

Havant

Census Area Statistic Ward	Males		Females		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Barncroft	109	6.0	54	2.8	163	4.4
Battins	143	7.4	73	3.5	216	5.3
Bedhampton	51	1.9	36	1.3	87	1.6
Bondfields	121	5.8	57	2.7	178	4.3
Cowplain	40	1.4	19	0.7	59	1.0
Emsworth	49	2.1	32	1.3	81	1.6
Hart Plain	120	4.3	54	1.8	174	3.0
Hayling East	66	2.6	39	1.5	105	2.0
Hayling West	54	2.5	28	1.2	82	1.8
Purbrook	73	2.6	20	0.7	93	1.6
St Faith's	56	2.3	40	1.5	96	1.9
Stakes	125	4.0	68	2.1	193	3.0
Warren Park	150	7.3	104	4.4	254	5.8
Waterloo	69	2.4	27	1.0	96	1.7
Havant*	1,226	3.4	651	1.8	1,877	2.6

The 2014/15 grants programme opens on 1 April 2014. 50 grants of £500 are available to new businesses and those that have been trading for less than 12 months. Since the scheme began in 2010, 240 new businesses have been supported. For more info please contact: david.harris@havant.gov.uk

Thurs 15 May 2014 – Funding Opportunities for Business. Speakers include: Chichester College, Solent Growth Hub and National Apprenticeship Service. Langstone Technology Park, Havant 0830-1000 (promoted by Havant Skills and Employability Partnership)

Havant BC has been awarded by BIS a 2nd tranche of funding to assist businesses affected by recent flooding. Tranche 1 was for £25K and tranche 2 is £45k,

HAVANT BOROUGH TOWN CENTRES VACANT UNITS Feb 2014

Type of retailer	Havant	Waterlooville	Emsworth	Leigh Park
Independents	110 (48.46%)	71 (37.77%)	77 (71.30%)	38 (44.71%)
Multiples	86 (37.88%)	87 (46.27%)	24 (22.22%)	23 (27.06%)
Charity	11 (4.85%)	11 (5.85%)	4 (3.7%)	4 (4.71%)
Vacant	20 (8.81%)	19 (10.11%)	3 (2.77%)	20 (23.53%)
total	227	188	108	85

Please note that the town centre data has been “rebased” to more accurately reflect the town centres. Nationally, 14% of shops are vacant.

Tourism

Work has started to develop an action plan for the future of tourism in Havant Borough, promoting Emsworth and Hayling Island as places to visit. I gave the opening remarks at a meeting of the Havant Tourism Forum recently, encouraging the businesses that attended to get involved and start to take the lead on developing our area as a visitor destination. There was a good discussion at the meeting, with the hoteliers, b&bs, visitor attractions, other businesses and Borough Councillors looking at the challenges and opportunities to be addressed. The end result was agreement on three areas; Develop a coherent tourism brand; Work in partnership with businesses and local authorities to develop and promote tourism in the area; Identify funding to implement actions.

Next steps will be for a group of businesses, with Havant Borough Council coordination and support, to develop the plan and start to take forward some of the actions.

Special Events

- Hampshire Chamber of Commerce Meet the Buyer event. Thursday 27 March 2014. Aegas Bowl, Hedge End, Southampton. Havant BC is a sponsor of this event.
- Sun 13 April 2014. Mayors' Classic Car Run, The Public Service Plaza Havant
- Sat 19th April Emsworth Market Day featuring Hampshire Farmers Market includes Easter Egg Hunt, South Street Car Park Emsworth
- Wednesday 23rd April 2014 St Georges Day parade in Emsworth
- Friday 25 April 2014, Mayor's Charity Dinner, Newtown House Hotel, Hayling
- Sunday 27 April 2014. The Best of English entertainment and music will be performed on The Plaza at Eastoke Corner, Hayling Island (1200-1700)
<http://www.haylingforstgeorge.co.uk/>
- 28th April 2014 Careers Fair, Havant Public Service Plaza . Up to 1200 young people are expected to attend.
- 23 May - 8 June 2014. 70th Commemoration of D-Day Festival (various locations- promoted by Wemsfest)
- Sat 14th June Emsworth Summer Market featuring Hampshire Farmers Market Summer Berry Festival South Street car park
- 26, 27th & 29th June Havant Passion Play Havant Park
- Sat 5th July Waterlooville Classic Motor Show Waterlooville
- Sat 12/Sun 13 July Staunton Festival, Staunton Country Park
- Sat 26 July Waterlooville Food & Drink Festival (Provisional)
- 5-7 September National Windsurfing Festival Hayling Island
- Sept/Oct Virgin Kite surfing Armada Hayling Island
- 26 September - 15 October 2014. WemsFest: incorporating 2nd P G Wodehouse Festival (various locations in Emsworth and Westbourne).