

# **Cabinet Lead Reports**

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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Dear Councillor

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at next 18 FEBRUARY 2015 meeting of the Council, the following cabinet lead reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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## **Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 18 February 2015**

### **Councillor Mike Cheshire: Leader's Report**

#### **Corporate Strategy, Finance, CCTV, shared parking review**

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##### **Corporate Strategy**

The review of our Corporate Strategy for the next 5 years up to 2020 is on the agenda at this Full Council Meeting and the contents are self evident. The direction of travel has not changed, but further enhanced to explain what Havant Borough will look like in the future and how we are going to get there. All the while ensuring that our customers - our residents - are our central focus for service delivery.

##### **Finance**

“The budget setting process completes with Council's approval of the annual budget and setting the Council Tax this evening. The budget proposal includes no increases and no reductions in front-line services despite the £880,000 reduction in funding this year. We still face considerable budget challenges over the next few years but, subject to any changes following the General Election in May, our Service Futures Work Plan is in place.

We have decided to defer the go live of the new finance system for a few months. Although the project continues to progress the number of “workarounds” included in the project meant we are not able make the step change envisaged for the system if we go live in April. This would have meant a second phase of changes in the autumn and confused our customers. Therefore we decided to go live in the late summer, ideally with all elements at once.

##### **CCTV**

The Police and Crime Commissioner has been invited to contribute towards the CCTV provision that we, Havant Council, are providing and paying for on his behalf. Despite the fact that the PCC has increased his precept last year, and recently won the vote (with a very much decreased majority this year), he will not contribute towards the substantial cost of CCTV provision. I have, therefore, ordered a review of that provision and asked for a number of options to be tabled with the aim of reducing this Councils financial contribution.

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## **Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 18 February 2015**

### **Councillor Jackie Branson: Cabinet Lead for Governance and Logistics**

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#### **Legal Services**

The Legal team are working towards becoming a wholly owned company as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. The team is to be restructured to reflect a more commercial offering able to compete in the open market. New business is coming in from the Town and Parish Councils and a Marketing Strategy is being written.

#### **Democratic Services and Councillor Support**

As part of the ongoing Councillor training programme, three whole-day seminars have now been held covering a wide range of topics. The seminar day planned for March has now been deferred until after the elections and, in the meantime, the team is consulting with Councillors on the format and content of seminar days. Feedback from members is very important in helping to ensure that future training and information sessions are as effective as possible and the best use of time and resources.

Work is now underway to put together a comprehensive induction programme for new Councillors, to be held on 29 May. An itinerary for the day will be made available to all Councillors, who will be welcome to attend if they wish.

Recommendations by the Governance and Logistics Scrutiny and Policy Development Panel in relation to the annual round of appointments to outside bodies were agreed by the Cabinet on 4 February. This included a general guidance code for Councillors and, building on that piece of work, I am now working with officers to draw up terms of reference for individual outside appointments, so that Councillor representatives can be clear as to their roles and objectives.

The new electronic system for processing meeting documentation is now fully implemented and, following a successful training session held in December, Councillors are now using the system to review reports and minutes as well as access the calendar of meetings, agendas and other documentation. User guides are available and the Democratic Services Team is always happy to help and advise Councillors on how to make the best use of the system to suit their needs

#### **Elections**

There are UK Parliamentary and part Local elections on 7 May 2015? There are local elections in all but the four Leigh Park wards, Battins, Barncroft, Bondfields and Warren Park. Cowplain, Hart Plain and Waterloo wards are in the Meon Valley Constituency but we are running the Parliamentary elections in those wards on Meon Valley's behalf. This fact will however delay the local counts for those three wards as the ballot boxes all have to be sent to Winchester for verification and won't be returned until Friday morning. The other counts will take place after the close of polls on Thursday evening, as usual.

### **Audit and Governance**

Our internal auditors have drafted their annual audit plan and discussed it with the Executive Board ready for Governance & Audit Committee's approval on 3 March. The external auditors are working closely with our finance team on some pre-work to the annual accounts audit to ensure the process runs

### **Revenue and Benefits**

The national roll-out of Universal Credit is now underway. The roll-out will be split into 4 tranches commencing from February 2015. Councils involved in tranches 1 and 2 have been formally notified. In Hampshire, Southampton are in tranche 1 (March 2015) and Eastleigh in tranche 2 (May 2015).

Currently the indication is that Havant Borough will be in tranche 4 probably around March 2016 although the exact date will not be confirmed until later this year.

At this stage the national roll-out is limited to new claims from single claimants who would previously have claimed Jobseekers Allowance.

### **Facilities Management**

The facilities team are in the process of recruiting to the vacant facilities officer post and it is hoped that we will have made an appointment to that post by the middle of March.

Room hire and income at the Plaza for this year is slightly up on last year. From the period of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015 we have received around £44,000 which I am sure all will be pleased to note. All this income is revenue growth to the Council. Not only is this income being generated from the Conference Centre we are now renting out some of the smaller interview rooms in the Plaza on the ground floor in the Atrium to smaller companies and meetings.

### **HR, Learning and Development**

An equivalent rate to the living wage has now been implemented for staff at HBC. This follows the decision made at Full Council on 10 December 2014

Workforce, succession planning and talent management activities have been the key focus to enable the Council to identify business critical posts and suitable succession plans to fulfil these posts should they become vacant. In addition this exercise has been helpful to identify the top talent in the Council and consider what development opportunities are available to retain and motivate staff. Further work will continue on this area over the coming months.

Middle managers have now been invited to attend a leadership development programme called 'Evolve'. This is a real positive for middle managers to engage in a two year development programme which focuses on the leadership skills needed to create organisational change.

The launch of the electronic e-leave system marks the start of introducing electronic manager and employee self service systems. This will create efficiencies for the Council and streamline paper based processes and procedures.

The employee recognition scheme 'You're a Star' has now launched. This scheme is a fantastic way to recognise our staff who go above and beyond in their roles. A number of staff were nominated for the significant contribution they had made to the Council.

In addition to this, work has now commenced on a Member Development Strategy. This strategy clearly identifies the training and development opportunities available to Councillors at the start and during their political career with the Council. This is on track to roll out during Q1 15/16.

Jackie Branson

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## **Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 18 February 2015**

### **Councillor Tony Briggs: Cabinet Lead for Environment and Neighbourhood Quality**

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#### **Waste & Recycling Strategy & Management (including Project Integra)**

##### **Mixed glass project update:**

Over the last 18 months the mixed glass market and PRN (packaging recovery note) prices have continued to fall. Currently the mixed glass average price is £11 per tonne, whilst colour separated amber, flint and green fetch an average £15 per tonne. As the price gap between colour separated and mixed glass has continued to narrow the financial rationale for collecting colour separated glass from Havant bring sites has weakened.

Collecting mixed glass has the potential to generate a saving through a reduction in the mileage covered by the vehicle as there would be no requirement for return trips to the same sites.

We have completed a draft options study on providing mixed glass banks in all Havant bring sites and we are hopeful that this can be implemented very soon.

#### **Vehicle Workshop and Fleet Management,**

Fleet workshop team have recently undertaken inspections, servicing and repairs of 50 pieces of equipment in preparation for the new grass cutting season. All verge cutting equipment is now ready for borough wide operations.

Hampshire County Council have recently been given an agreement to use our fuel facility at Southmoor depot for the purpose of fuelling their salt spreaders.

#### **Environmental Health (Including food safety)**

##### **Food Safety**

The commercial team in Environmental Health has used Food Standards Agency funding to pay for a nominated contractor to offer one-to-one coaching in food hygiene to our lowest scoring takeaway premises (those with a Food Hygiene Rating 0 to 2). Of the 12 takeaways offered coaching 11 accepted the offer of assistance.

Coaching was also available in languages other than English e.g. Mandarin Chinese. The feedback from the takeaway food business operators has been very positive, especially when the coaching was available in a variety of dialects.

##### **Environmental Protection**

Understanding the influence mental health has on the time taken to resolve cases is a factor anecdotally affecting workload. This is particularly prevalent during nuisance

cases. The team are in the early stage of trying to understand the most effective and appropriate way to factor mental health into their service delivery plans.

### **Health and Safety**

The Health & Safety Executive publishes priorities for proactive health and safety inspections. The priorities include 'amputation and crushing' injuries, being struck by vehicles and falls from height. These are all hazards associated with high volume warehouses. The commercial team in Environmental Health have now completed a warehouse health and safety project which was started last summer.

The warehouse project consisted of initial visits to 63 warehouses to score which were high risk and suitable for a full inspection. Full inspections were carried out on 9 premises. The standard of compliance was found to be high and no notices were served.

### **Housing Enforcement (Including DFGs)**

- Complaints about poor housing conditions (in the private and RSL sector) have almost doubled since 2010. In the period 2013-2014 we have received and dealt with 177 cases.
- HBC is in the process of arranging a working partnership with Guinness Hermitage for Disabled Facility Grants (DFGs) in their properties. Once implemented the proposed new arrangement will benefit the user in terms of time, delivery and service excellence.
- There has been an increase in enquiries from landlords wanting to buy family sized dwellings, redevelop them and thereafter operate them as non-licensable House in Multiple Occupation (HMO). Some of these non licensable HMOs have already been introduced into the housing stock with similar safety standards to licensable HMOs. This provides more varied affordable housing options but can impact the character and nature of residential areas.

### **Licensing**

The review of fees and charges has is complete; the fees and charges proposed for the 2015/16 financial year reflect the cost incurred in administering the licensing function.

### **Pest Control and Animal Welfare**

- HBC is to start a free micro-chipping program for dogs. The Dogs trust will provide the micro-chips and HBC, together with local vets, will chip dogs free of charge. This is in preparation for the implementation of new legislation requiring all dogs to be micro chipped (as of yet no date has been set).
- In conjunction with Public Health England a mosquito trapping exercise was carried out on Hayling Island. This exercise is part of a UK mapping survey to

determine whether “exotic” species are present in the UK. This is part of a long term project looking at the negative health impact on the population (specially Asian Tiger Mosquitoes).

### **Parking Strategy/Management & Traffic Management**

Parking team are now back fully staffed with one CEO in training.

The traffic team held 2 workshops back in November and invited the public in to discuss the experimental scheme in place in Langstone. This went very well and has enabled the team to put together final proposals for the area soon to be publicised.

### **All Public Realm Enforcement (Rangers) including dog fouling and litter dropping**

In March 2014 Havant Borough Council Cabinet declared a zero tolerance approach to littering offences and tasked officers with finding a cost neutral solution.

The Clean Neighborhood's and Environment Act 2005 enabled local authorities to fine anyone committing an environmental crime that damages the street scene. The Act also empowered local authorities to authorise others to act on their behalf.

Since May 2014 HBC established a partnership with Kingdom to provide a uniformed presence of environmental enforcement officers across the borough with a primary remit for town centres and parks and open spaces.

Kingdom officers are tasked with issuing £75 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) for the offences of:

- Dropping litter which will include items such as chewing gum, cigarette butts and fast food and other forms of litter such as wrapping
- Failing to pick up after your dog or not disposing of the dog litter in the correct way

Kingdom currently supplies a supervisor and three officers on a contract to undertake 120 hours patrol a week. They also provide 15 hours back office support. HBC pay Kingdom £45 for every correctly issued FPN.

HBC have allocated the Community Safety Team leader to manage the day to day contract, customer services deal with enquiries from customers relating to fixed penalty tickets and handle card payments. Customers can also make payment at a machine in the Plaza.

The Community Safety team leader and a support officer handle any representations and appeals from customers and review contentious cases with the Kingdom team leader at weekly meetings.

The project plan was based upon a zero cost to HBC and a provisional target of 64% payment. To date the actual rate of payment is 68%

## **Income versus costs**

£274,500.....Potential income from 3660 FPNs  
£187,875.....Actual income to date  
£164,800.....Paid to Kingdom  
£23,175.....Excess

£86,625.....FPNs payment outstanding

## **Staffing**

0.25 FTE Supervisor/Manager  
0.75 FTE Co-ordinator  
0.5 FTE admin including monitoring payments etc.

Court proceedings are currently underway in respect of some 700 outstanding offences where FPNs have not been paid. Outstanding FPNs have begun to go to Magistrates court.

To date ten cases have been put before the Magistrates. Six have been proved guilty in absence. These were fined £200 by the court £124 costs and £20 Victim surcharge. Three pleaded guilty via the post. These individuals were given fines that varied depending on their means.

## **Customer Insight**

Kingdom has issued some 3660 FPNs to date. Postcode analysis shows that 50% of all tickets are issued to non-residents, with 17.6% of all tickets issued to residents outside the borough going to Portsmouth residents.

## **Summary**

The pilot is clearly having an impact in the numbers of people being issued fixed penalty notices and is cost neutral to HBC, however, it is right to note that there has been an impact on customer services and the indeed the community safety team in the day to day management of customer concerns.

## **Sustainable Transport & Implementation (Strategy and Capital Projects)**

### **New Brighton Cycling Infrastructure - HCC Funded**

Works are 80% complete, almost all signs and lines erected, new cycle track around the New Brighton roundabout under construction. Estimated completion 30 January.

### **Havant Road A259 Cycling Infrastructure - HCC Funded**

Scheme starts 7<sup>th</sup> April. Resurfacing of 4km of cycle lanes, adjustment to crossing points at Selangor Avenue and Barn Close, off road cycle track between Selangor Avenue and A27 subway, and cycle route markings in Selangor Avenue.

### **Hayling Billy Trail – HBC / HCC Funded**

Works complete, under maintenance for next 12 months. Minor remedial work in hand.

### **Emsworth Primary School – HCC Funded**

Works to start in the Easter break with a new fence to create the route for the track running to Glenwood School; the track itself is then built during the summer holiday.

### **Warblington School Foot / Cyclepath – HCC Funded**

This is programmed for construction in the summer holiday. Various advance works will start in February.

### **Rachel Madocks Eagle Avenue Cycleway – HCC Funded**

Surfacing works to be carried out on 21 January 2015. Lining to be completed by end of February 2015 along and signing to be completed by end of March 2015

### **Waterlooville LSTF – HCC Funded**

Safety audit being carried out by HCC and to be tendered by end of month

### **Dunsbury Way LSTF & Quality of Place – HCC Funded**

Works due on site mid February 2015, kerb works to start first as Operation Resilience (HCC contactor) will be resurfacing Dunsbury Way early March 2015. Liaison with Stagecoach and Emsworth & District has been ongoing throughout project and will continue with bus shelter signage/posters.

Continued communication with the Crèche and Community centre/library and residents via email and letter drops nearer the time.

A large scale plan will be placed in the Community Centre lobby if room available for duration as a contact point.

Web page with information will be set up this week.

### **Redlands Grange/Hampshire Farm Public Art Project – Developer Funded**

Artist Charlie Carter has been commissioned and is working on the community engagement process as this is a focal point of the project. Bellway/Bloor Homes are funding the project. A contract between all parties is being finalised

Webpage set up at <http://www.havant.gov.uk/development-management/hampshire-farm-public-art> for information about the project. Due to be installed late summer 2015.

### **Community Safety (except Safer Havant Partnerships)**

We have recently been made aware that “Gypsy Kings” a coffee shop is due to open at 4 Market Parade Havant. The brand “Gypsy Kings” has established itself in Portsmouth as a source of Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS) also known as “Legal Highs”.

Elsewhere in the country there are reports of these premises attracting vulnerable people who use the substances to supplement alcohol and other substance misuse. This often leads to people being found in the locality exhibiting all the signs and symptoms of being drugged or drunk.

We are aware that in Portsmouth the authorities are facing an increase in demand on Council, Police and Health services.

There has been considerable media interest in these substances and the opening of the premises in Havant may lead to local concerns being expressed.

We are currently speaking to our partners to develop a strategy for managing any potential impact this premises may have in the area.

This matter has also been raised with our partners through the Safer Havant Partnership and general advice regarding the use of these substances will be passed onto local colleges and schools. Cllr Shimbart and other Community Safety Partnership Chairs are meeting the Police and Crime Commissioner this Thursday and will be raising this trade as a concern.

In the meantime can I please ask that we refrain from referring to the substances as “legal highs” and instead use the phrase Novel Psychotic Substances or NPS.

Please see the guidance on the Talk to Frank webpage [Talk to Frank](#) and feel free to pass this on through your contacts

### **What are ‘Novel Psychoactive Substances NPS’?**

‘NPS’s’ that are actually legal contain one or more chemical substances which produce similar effects to illegal drugs (like [cocaine](#), [cannabis](#) and [ecstasy](#)). These new substances are not yet controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and there is often not enough research about them to know about their potency, adverse effects from human consumption, or when used with other substances or alcohol. However, more and more ‘NPS’s’ are being researched to see what their dangers are and to see whether they should be made illegal. In fact, many substances that have been found in substances sold as ‘legal highs’ have already been made illegal.

‘NPS’s’ cannot be sold for human consumption so they are often sold as incense, salts or plant food to get round the law. The packaging may describe a list of ingredients but you cannot be sure that this is what the product will contain.

Just the fact that a substance is sold as ‘legal’ doesn’t mean that it’s safe or legal. You can’t really be sure of what’s in a ‘legal high’ that you’ve bought, or been given, or what effect it’s likely to have on you or your friends. We know that many ‘legal highs’ are sold under brand names like ‘Viper, Revolver, Disco Biscuits, Pandoras Box, Clockwork Orange’, ‘Bliss’, ‘Mary Jane’ and have been directly linked to poisoning, emergency hospital admissions including in mental health services and, in some cases, deaths.

The main effects of almost all ‘psychoactive’ drugs, can be described using three main categories:

- stimulants
- ‘downers’ or sedatives
- psychedelics or hallucinogens

## **Open Spaces (including Allotments and Cemeteries)**

We are currently in the process of preparing for our new verge cutting season. Taking on board the lessons that we learnt from last year all plant and equipment has been service and checked, seasonal staff (Temporary Agency Workers) have been sourced. Training has been programmed to commence Monday 9 March 2015.

Throughout 2015 the council will move away from traditional bedding plants on some of the main roundabouts and move to 'Pictorial Meadows' as these are more 'wildlife friendly'. We will also be introducing more sustainable planting, including herbaceous perennials, shrubs and 'bee friendly' lavenders, in other areas throughout the borough.

The frequency of grass cutting in some open spaces and verges may also be reduced in a further effort to encourage more wildlife.

## **Street Care**

We will commence, as of Monday 23 February, a 3 month "Spring Clean" campaign aimed at enhancing the cleanliness within the main town centres. This will be undertaken 7 days a week as a service improvement adding value to our current Street Cleansing Service at no extra cost to the Council.

Our Town Centre team members working at Waterlooville, Leigh Park and Havant will commence duties at 9.30am and will finish at 18.00pm Mon to Thurs and 17.30pm Friday, 18.00 Sat and 16.00 Sun.

Before 9.30 the 3 areas will receive a visit from other members of the Street Cleansing teams before they move on to other areas within the borough.

Supervisors will be contactable by telephone phone at all times up until 18.00, this would be the same as is in place for the current weekend working arrangements and this works extremely well. Supervisors would also be responsible for undertaking random 'spot checks' of each location to ensure that the appropriate levels of cleanliness are maintained.

This campaign has been agreed and accepted by Street Cleansing team members and we should acknowledge their support.

## **Beachlands.**

We have submitted our application for 'Blue Flag' 2015. If successful this will be the 24<sup>th</sup> consecutive year where we have retained our Blue Flag status and sets us up for a great summer season for our residents and visitors to Hayling Island.

We are very proud to have been flying the Blue Flag on Hayling for the past 23 years and this is a true testament to the hard work of the Beachlands Team.

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## **Cabinet Lead Reports – 18 February 2015**

### **Councillor Mike Fairhurst - Cabinet Lead for Marketing and Development**

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#### **Website/IT**

Havant Borough Council will be going through Public Service Network compliance again in April – this is a compulsory requirement for all Councils. The work involves checking versions of software and ensuring our IT security is to the required level.

Meanwhile we are preparing to support the Council in delivering a number of IT projects in the coming year: we have identified our IT work programme for 2015-16 such as: a customer portal, a new website, an updated Planning Portal, and a new document management solution.

#### **Service Futures-change management**

Service Futures continues to pull together the objectives surrounding the delivery of the Corporate Strategy, with the work streams of Delivering Differently, Growth and Prosperity, Strategic Contracts and Organisational Development. Delivering Differently is picking up pace and significant design work stands us in good stead for the forth coming year.

Delivering Differently continues to change how we work:

- Legal Services is on track and will deliver a shadow company in the new financial year. The team are already selling services to other bodies and income has started to be generated.
- Personalisation, after approval the project moved to its procurement stage and will ensure we have the modern tools to deliver a new type of service to our customers. The project is on time and within budget.
- Strategic Contracts is making good progress in developing the 5 way partnership. Services are presently writing specification to prepare for procurement. The team are focused on consultation with our customers and anticipate this being finalised within the next 4 weeks.
- Operational Services, the team are working hard to develop service specifications ready for a Cabinet report in the spring.

“Prosperity Havant” brings a focus to the economic development opportunities for the area, alongside investment and business support and skills development. The teams are now taking these themes forward.

The 15-16 priorities surrounding Organisational Development involve a culture workshop programme for staff in conjunction with Portsmouth University to be held in the next few weeks. This will set the scene for the transformation of our organisation – which is critical to the success of Delivering Differently.

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## **Cabinet Lead Reports – Council 18 February 2015**

### **Councillor David Guest: Cabinet Lead for Planning and the Built Environment**

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#### **Coastal Management & Climate Change**

##### **South Hayling Beach Management Plan and Timber Groyne Remedial Works following 2013/14 winter storms.**

The winter storms of 2013/14 had reduced the beach profile along the Eastoke frontage and reached trigger levels for emergency repairs. Due to the storm damage, HBC gained a further £151k of Environment Agency grant emergency funding to spend on top of the £279k Environment Agency Grant funded allocation to this financial year. We are monitoring the beach profile and plan to carry out a further recycling campaign in March/ April 2015 to maintain the beach profile.

Timber remedial works were also carried out along the Eastoke frontage, Hayling Island. These works were also benefitted from an Environment Agency Grant.

#### **Planning Peer Review**

The Council asked the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) to commission a Peer Review of our Planning Services. The review took place in December by a team of 4 experts from other Local Authorities. The aim of the review was to drive change and improvement but specifically to look at the following:

- reducing the costs of the planning service to the Council
- cutting out unnecessary processes that delay decision making
- to improve customer satisfaction
- to build on the growth and prosperity agenda to deliver homes, jobs and investment to the Borough

The report from the PAS review team has been submitted and we are now implementing some of the improvements that have been suggested. Councillors will be briefed on changes to the planning service as work progresses.

#### **Planning Development**

##### **Major Developments – Progress update**

##### **Development Consultation Forums**

Two DCFs are due to be coming forward in the coming weeks:

1. Oak Park site, Havant – proposals for a Health and Wellbeing Campus to include an 80 bed nursing home, 48 supported living units and 51

extra care units, as well as a community hub facility, are to be discussed at the DCF on Thursday 12th February.

2. Portsmouth Water Company – proposals for the relocation of the PWC HQ to a site on Solent Road, and the subsequent development of the existing PWC site to provide c.160 dwellings are to be discussed at a DCF on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

### **Solent Retail Park, Solent Road**

Demolition works have taken place in anticipation of the delivery of this new major new retail development, which is scheduled to commence imminently.

### **Land west of Horndean Road, Emsworth**

Site allocation UE13 in Emsworth is the subject of a planning application for 125 dwellings and associated surface water management proposals. A resolution to grant permission for the application was agreed by the DMC in December.

### **Land north of Bartons Road, Havant**

Site allocation UE3a in Havant, together with additional land which crosses the boundary into East Hampshire District, is the subject of a planning application for 55 dwellings. Havant Borough Council is the lead authority for this application. A resolution to grant permission for the application was agreed by the DMC in December.

The development proposal must now rely on a further consent to be determined by EHDC. Only with both consents can this development proposal move forward.

### **Land north of Portsdown Hill Road, Bedhampton**

Site allocation UE5 for 46 dwellings was granted planning permission in early November. Preparatory works are under way in connection with the delivery of this development.

### **BaE site, Elettra Avenue, Waterlooville**

The longstanding BaE application - which put forward a mixed package of proposals for the site including employment, leisure and retail development, has been withdrawn.

A revised proposal for commercial development on the site will come forward from Hargreaves in the near future – this is likely to put forward a more phased approach to the delivery of the site than the previous scheme had allowed for.

### **Land adjacent to Langstone Technology Park, Langstone Road, Havant**

An application has been received for a four storey, 82 bed hotel for Premier Inn on land to the north of the Langbrook Farm pub/restaurant – this being a revised design to that previously approved for the site.

### **West of Waterlooville MDA and environs**

The next Joint DMC meeting with Winchester City Council is being held on the 12th March to consider a reserved matters application for 104 units of private rented accommodation on Phase 1 of the Grainger site.

In Waterlooville, the new Sainsburys retail store in Hambledon Road opened on 3rd December.

### **Planning Policy**

#### **Prosperity Havant**

The team are focussing all their efforts on delivering key schemes that are highlighted as a priority in the Prosperity Havant work. The priorities include:

- Havant Town Centre redevelopment
- Waterlooville Town Centre and residential development
- Dunsbury Hill Farm

The team are commissioning a transport study for Havant town centre. The purpose of the study is to consider what investment in transport will be needed to enable the continued success of the town centre and east of the Borough.

#### **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

The spending plan was agreed by Cabinet on 4 February 2015 in line with the Protocol previously agreed by Council. The schemes that are considered a priority are:

- The feasibility work that is underway to improve traffic flow at Southmoor Lane;
- Commissioning feasibility work for the potential replacement of Havant Railway footbridge;
- Dunsbury Hill Farm pedestrian and cycle links.

#### **Car Parking Guidance**

The team are developing a car parking guidance note for residential and commercial usage.

#### **Building Control**

Income generated from Building Control is on target to hit or slightly exceed budget (251k). Income from Building Regulation work is likely to be greater than last year, however there has been a corresponding drop off in Consultancy / Non Building Regulation income.

The dangerous wall with no owner at North Street, Emsworth which has been detailed in previous reports is the subject of ongoing work by Building Control. Options for establishing the walls safety are currently being examined and a recommendation will be made in due course. Building Control continue to monitor the wall to ensure that there is no further movement.

### **Economic Development**

As part of the Prosperity Havant agenda the Council will be seeking views of the business community in shaping the strategy. The Council will be hosting a business breakfast on the 9 March 2015 for major employers and strategic businesses. This is part of a multi agency engagement plan to secure investment and development in the Borough that brings jobs and prosperity.

Work is being undertaken to raise the profile of the Borough with the Local Enterprise Partnership (Solent LEP). The LEP are the route through which government growth funding is directed into the region. It is vital that Havant's economic opportunities are positioned to take advantage of this funding.

### **2015 Events Programme**

As part of the Prosperity Havant Strategy the Council is supporting the organisation of the following major events across the Borough in 2015. The events programme helps raise the Borough's national and international profile and provides a positive boost for visitors, footfall and investment into the area.

Particular highlights include **Waterloo 200** which is being organised by a multi agency & volunteer group to commemorate 200 years of Waterlooville incorporating the bicentenary of the Battle of Waterloo.

Emsworth Red Nose weekend sees Emsworth become the UKs first Red Nose Town.

The Virgin Kitesurf Armada is due to take place on Hayling Island over a weekend in Sept or Oct (depending on wind conditions) with the organisers planning additional land-based events to attract non-kite surfers.

Date	Event
17 February	Waterlooville Charity pancake Races
13/15 March	Emsworth Red Nose weekend
16 May	Emsworth / Hampshire Farmers market Maypole event
15-21 June	Waterlooville Music Festival
20 June	Waterlooville 200 Day
04 July	Waterlooville Classic Motor Show
04 July	Emsworth Independence Day ( promoting Independent shops)
4/5/6 September	National Watersports Festival
18 Sept - 16 Oct (weekend tbc)	Virgin Kite Surf Armada

19 Sept – 04 Oct	Emsworth British Food Fortnight
05 November	Bonfire Night
Nov - Dec	Various Christmas Lights switch-on events across the Borough

**Business Start-up Grants**

51 businesses were signed up for the scheme in April/May. 41 grants have now been issued to new start up businesses in this financial year. The scheme continues to be popular with our small businesses community.

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## **Cabinet Lead Reports – Council 18 February 2015**

### **Councillor Yvonne Weeks: Cabinet Lead for Communities**

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#### **Housing Enabling,**

Affordable Homes.

The housing development within the borough will bring to fruition much needed affordable homes starting with:

- Manor Farm / Copsey Nursery development 54 dwellings by the end of March. [First Wessex]
- Coopers Grange, Warblington School playing fields site, currently under construction by Bloor Homes, 12 affordable dwellings so far, 13 more by the end of March, Guinness
- Former “Cricketers” site 10 three bedroom homes, all Affordable Rent, anticipated handover end of March /April. [Radian]
- West of Waterlooville Taylor Wimpey site, Phases 3 & 4, 27 Affordable Rent dwellings and 15 Shared Ownership homes between now and October 2015 – [Radian].
- Berewood Phase 2, currently under construction by developer Redrow. 98 affordable units, Social Rent, Affordable Rent, Shared Ownership and Discounted Market Rent provided by Registered Provider Grainger. Anticipated handovers from beginning of 2016.
- 325 Milton Road, former petrol station, 21 two bedroom flats, all affordable rent, , work recently started on site, Registered Provider is Stonewater (previously Raglan), anticipated completion spring 2016.
- Bartons Road, Joint application with EHDC as site straddles both authorities. 14 dwellings, 11 Affordable Rent and 3 three bedroom Shared Ownership houses. Anticipated completion mid 2016.
- Scratchface Lane, 36 Affordable units in total (26 Affordable Rent, 10 Shared Ownership), 9 units already handed over with the remaining 25 expected throughout 2015.
- Barncroft School site, Barncroft Lane, currently under construction by Bellway Homes, 10 affordable units, Affordable Rent and Shared Ownership. Registered Provider still to be agreed; anticipated completion 2016.
- Land at Portsdown Hill, currently under construction by David Wilson Homes, 14 affordable homes, Affordable Rent and Shared Ownership, Registered Provider First Wessex, anticipated completion 2016.
- Goldring Close, Hayling Island, currently under construction by Bellway, 39 Affordable homes, Affordable Rent and Shared Ownership, Registered Provider still to be confirmed. Anticipated completion into 2016.
- Land South of Ranelagh Road, Bedhampton, currently under construction, 26 Affordable units, Affordable Rent and Shared Ownership. Anticipated completion 2016.

**AS OF THE 14/1/2015 WE HAVE 2732 PEOPLE REGISTERED WITH HAMPSHIRE HOME CHOICE.**

## **IN JANUARY OUR HOUSING TEAM DEALT WITH 574 CUSTOMERS, SOME WITH VERY COMPLEX ISSUES.**

### **B&B Accommodation**

We have a gentleman who is a paraplegic currently in B&B who will be offered a new build dwelling imminently.

### **Government Initiative**

We HBC have submitted a bid as a joint consortium with HCC along with districts in the County for a £900,000 bid to a national government funding initiative for Domestic Abuse. The outcome will be known in March 2015.

## **Community Development**

### **Leigh Park Agency Network**

The Leigh Park Agency Network meetings are held five times a year at Leigh Park Community Centre, chaired by HBC. They offer an opportunity for those working in the area to network, share information and develop opportunities for partnership working. Since taking over the co-ordination and chairing of the meetings early last year attendance numbers have increased, with 47 individuals attending February's meeting.

**The importance of networking reduces duplication.**

### **Inspirational Talk at Cowplain School**

British singer Jermain Jackman will visit Cowplain School in Hart Plain Avenue Waterlooville on Tuesday 10th March to give an inspirational talk to the students. He will describe how he won the third series of the BBC television singing competition The Voice UK in 2014 and is the first male to win the competition.

Jermain won a £100,000 record contract, his cover of "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going" reached no. 39 on the UK iTunes chart. His debut album, Jermain Jackman is due to be released on the 23rd of March 2015.

He has offered to visit the School for free during his tour of the UK. This visit is supported by Sainsbury's, Waterlooville. Part of the Community Partnership organised by the team.

### **Havant Youth Conference**

The Havant Youth Conference will be held at the Plaza on Friday 27th March 2015. The theme of the Conference is 'Raising Aspirations', which aims to inspire local young people. Year nine and ten students from ten Schools across the Borough have been invited to attend. Special guest speakers include Joanne White who is the founder of local Charity Big World Impact. She supports young people by making

a positive impact through education, sport and empowerment. Our second guest speaker, Fraser Docherty is a young entrepreneur and self made millionaire who started his own business at the age of 14 selling fruit jam. He now supplies over 2,000 supermarkets all over the world.

There will be workshops covering topics including volunteering, further education, employment and democracy.

## **Sports Development**

### **Couch to 5K Physical Activity Project**

The 'Couch to 5K' beginners running courses, funded by a grant from public health, has proved to be extremely popular with residents. A number of positive outcomes have been achieved for those completing the course, including positive health and social benefits. Due to the success in 2014 a schedule of seven more courses have been organised for this year. The first two courses having started back in January, 55 individuals are currently participating in these courses. These are delivered by Victory Athletics Club and Innovations Fitness. The next two courses will start in March, from Havant and Hayling Island, where there is a waiting list to join.

This has been an unbelievable success story; it is the first step to an active lifestyle and is a positive contribution to our Health & Wellbeing Strategy

### **Front Lawn Recreation Ground Project**

Following an unsuccessful application to Sport England in December for capital funding towards the project, work continues to identify alternative funding streams.

The Football Association and the Football Foundation are keen to support the project and are currently in discussions to fund a consultant to work up the project application further. They would look for the project to achieve the required funding prior to their current funding deal expiring in May 2016.

Full architectural designs have now been drawn up for the project and a pre-application meeting has taken place with the planning department.

A full specification design for the facility will be proposed by the Football Foundation in the near future. The desire from the Football Foundation and the FA would be to see a full size artificial pitch installed on site. There are a lot of positive interjections in this project.

### **Community Sport Activation Fund**

The funding window to apply to Sport England's Community Sport Activation fund is now open and an application from HBC will be submitted prior to the 20th April deadline. The funding application is to support a 3 year sport and physical activity

project targeted at the most inactive communities within the borough. The name of the project is 'Target'.

Currently Havant have the lowest levels of physical activity in Hampshire and the 'Target' project will take a partnership approach to engaging communities and promoting sport and physical activity opportunities.

### **Visit from World Cup Winner**

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015 England Ladies Rugby World Cup winner Claire Purdy will be visiting Havant to provide a practical coaching session and inspirational talk to 15 girls from each of the Federation Secondary Schools. This event is likely to take place at Havant Rugby Club and will look to provide a pathway into girls taking up rugby in Havant.

### **Leisure**

#### **Horizon Leisure Trust**

The extension to Waterlooville Leisure Centre, will see the new gym and play centre open in June without to much disruption to their existing customers.

The Havant Leisure Centre continues to flourish with the new gym at times working to full capacity.

### **Special Events**

#### **Havant Borough Sports Association Awards Evening**

The HBSA are holding their Annual Sports Award Evening at Horizon Leisure Centre 7.30pm February 26<sup>th</sup> February. An invitation has been extended to all councillors, this is an opportunity to see the achievements of our local sportsmen women and children and also what the sports club in our borough have to offer. There will be a light buffet from 7.00pm, if you wish to attend will you please RSVP to John Hogg Chairman email [j.hogg6@btinternet.com](mailto:j.hogg6@btinternet.com).

### **Transformation: Havant Communities**

#### **Who's Who at Havant Plaza**

A networking event will be held in the Hollybank Room Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 -12.00. this will enable you to find out more about our colleagues working for the multiple agencies in the Plaza.

Representatives from the different agencies will speak for a few minutes about what they do and how to refer to their services.

Please drop in I'm sure you will find this event very useful.

### **Culture**

#### **The Spring**

The Spring has recently achieved its Museum Accreditation. The scheme sets nationally agreed standards for museums in the UK. This puts The Spring alongside national museums in terms of its management and commitment to collections.

### **Schools and Museums project**

In December 2014 over 200 children from local Primary Schools visited The Spring's museum for workshops about local history. A workshop leader followed this up with visits back to the schools and all the children who took part have achieved their Arts Award (a national qualification).

### **Family Festival**

On Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 March The Spring will be hosting free dinosaur themed events in Waterlooville Library (on Sat 7 March) and Havant Leisure Centre (on Sun 8 March). Families are invited to come along for free and take part in participation and performance activities. They will also be given a free craft activity pack to take away and complete at home – making their own dinosaur.

Each craft pack will come with a code to be used to buy discounted tickets to a theatre performance at The Spring on Saturday 14 March. On that day families can come along to The Spring or a live theatre show and are encouraged to bring their dinosaur made from the craft pack to add to our dino-scene.

The Family Festival is particularly designed to reach families on lower incomes. It has been supported by Hampshire Councillor, Cllr Anne Briggs and Cllr Ray Bolton.

### **WWI Book of Remembrance**

Throughout 2014 The Spring worked with local artist Margaret Marks to create a textile book or remembrance for the Borough. Margaret worked with community groups across the borough and has created an amazing textile tribute to those from Havant who lost their lives in WWI.

[Hopefully, this will be displayed in the Plaza at some point]

### **Waterlooville 200**

The Spring is chairing the Waterlooville 200 project. They have recently received £44,000 of Heritage Lottery funding to run the project which celebrates the last 200 years of life in Waterlooville. The project is running from February – June and will include live performances, exhibitions and work with schools.

More information is available at: <http://www.waterlooville200.org/>

### **Hayling Billy Oral History**

The Spring is collecting memories and stories about the Hayling Billy line. These will be developed in a DVD and a book later in the year. As part of this project they will be touring a live swing band to three residential homes on Hayling Island and using the music as a stimulus to encourage residents to share their stories with us. The visits to homes will take place in March and April.

### **Safer Havant Partnership**

### **Supporting Troubled Families**

Supporting Troubled Families Phase Two Workshop was an event I attended at the Plaza earlier in February.

The event had 60 people representing some 30 different agencies both statutory and voluntary and included colleagues from Gosport and indeed West Sussex who had come along to sample what we are doing here in Havant.

Phase two of the scheme will see a further 140 Havant families offered support during the next 18 months

This is a pilot project led by our CEO Sandy Hopkins which is a government initiative to help and identify families that experience problems and use many different agencies for support. The pilot narrows down the involvement of different agencies to a single point of contact for the family.

The first phase helped 211 Havant families, the families receive intensive support which has had a very positive impact on their lives.