

Supplementary Information
Items 9 and 10
Leader and Cabinet Lead Reports

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL
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7 November 2018

Dear Councillor

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the next meeting of the Council to be held on 7 November 2018, the following supplementary information that was unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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Cabinet Lead Report – Full Council 7th November 2018 **Councillor Michael Wilson**

Leader of the Council

Corporate Strategy

Following the Cabinet Strategy session in the summer, Officers have been working up the draft vision and strategy. The draft document will set out the mission, values, key priorities, outcomes and vision for the Council going forward. The aim is to ensure the strategy is concise, clear and focussed on outcomes across the short, medium and long term. Heads of Service are working with Directors to further develop the strategy to allow for the development of service business plans. A further officer planning session is due on 8th November and, following that session, Cabinet will be provided with a draft of the strategy and vision.

The strategy will be worked up alongside the medium term financial strategy and budget setting which will be taken through Cabinet and Full Council in February 2019.

Corporate Performance

Cabinet members will be reporting information regarding performance across their areas. I do wish to highlight a few items on overall corporate performance;

Cabinet has reviewed the Quarter One Healthcheck which is available to all Councillors to review. The healthcheck picked up on a number of areas of progress during the first quarter in particular the work on the Local Plan, which remains on target to deliver pre-submission at the January 2019 Cabinet. There has been a great deal of work focussed on regeneration during the quarter, including the pulling together and drafting of the strategy and targets for the year.

Work is focussed on delivering a balanced budget for 2018-19 and during the next few months attention will be on the budget setting for 2019-20, alongside the business planning and corporate strategy development work.

Operationally the Council continues to meet its performance targets, particularly with respect to national planning targets and homelessness. Work is currently focussed on pulling together the quarter two operational performance and financial position.

External Relations

HIOWLA:

A number of topics were covered at the last HIOW LGA meeting, hosted at Portsmouth Guildhall. Lord Gary Porter, Chair of the LGA gave a

characteristically robust overview of the climate for local government across the country. He indicated that the prospect for new devolution deals was limited. There could be continued reorganisation, but this would be a matter of pooling resources rather than new finance.

Richard Crawley of the LGA provided an overview of the implications of the new NPPF for planning authorities.

Combined Fire Authority – HBC will be responding to the consultation on the recommendation for a Combined Fire Authority. Essentially, this would be a combined service for Hampshire, IOW, Portsmouth and Southampton. There are opportunities for efficiencies and improvements to the service. I would like to see greater consistency of messages to the public and improved delivery of service.

All Hampshire authorities have put together an application for a pilot to retain business rates for a period of one year. We are awaiting the outcome of the application, which we hope will have positive financial benefits to this authority.

Solent Local Enterprise Partnership:

As you may be aware, the Government has instigated a review into the work of the LEPs. They remain for Government the key vehicle for the distribution of key infrastructure projects and funding. Part of the reason for the review was the perceived issue of split-districts, i.e. those authorities straddling more than one LEP due to differences between the County and LEP geographies. The review is likely to lead to the elimination of some of these split districts, as they will be required to choose which LEP is most appropriate. Of course, geographic boundaries are often at variance to the historic and conventional relationships between neighbouring authorities who may find themselves in different LEPs. The results of the review will be interesting.

PUSH:

The Partnership for Urban South Hampshire joint committee met on the 15th October. I attended, accompanied by Sandy Hopkins, Chief Executive. We had the benefit of an Air Quality Impact Assessment presentation, provided by David Hayward of HBC, and Dr. Jessica Virdo of Ricardo Energy and Environment. The team had been commissioned to provide the assessment on behalf of the majority of the PUSH partners. This important study highlighted the hotspots across our region for air quality issues and the likely impact and mitigation in the light of likely development across the region.

AOB:

The shared Head of Property vacancy has been advertised and closing date passed. Interviews will be held on Monday 12th November.

I will be meeting with the CCG on Wednesday 31st October, and will report on this meeting in due course.

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Councillor Narinder Bains - Cabinet Lead for Neighbourhoods, Safety and Enforcement

Community Safety

The Havant Partnership Action Group met on 04/10/18.

The following priority areas were identified as needing partnership intervention or engagement:

- * Rear of Barncroft Way, Priorsdean Crescent, Leigh Park
- * Norfolk Crescent
- * Two vulnerable individuals raised by Police and Southern Domestic Abuse Service
- * Three x cases referred to the 'Youth Intervention Panel' with the aim of deterring referrals away from Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime through positive engagement, support and/or enforcement.

Priority work for partners also includes:

- * Detached Youth Work provide by Y Services
- * Supporting Families Programme and Early Help

Safer Havant Partnership

Havant Locality Board (Formally Community Safety Partnership) which now includes the Local Children's Partnership, is a truly representative 'partnership board' bringing together at a strategic level representatives from:

health, education, community safety (police, fire, rehabilitation), children's services, adult services, voluntary sector, victim support, Citizens Advice, Portsmouth Housing

The board met on 16/10/18. Current priorities are – drug related harm, supporting families and early help, shared finance and resources with the 'Regeneration Havant' at the forefront of this quarter's agenda.

This board also oversees the work of the Havant Partnership Action Group, detailed above.

Police Liaison

After two years at Havant and East Hants Chief Inspector Clare Jenkins is moving to a new role managing the Local Policing Delivery Unit. Clare will be working more strategically but still with a real focus on harm reduction, neighbourhood policing, public protection, crime prevention and citizens in policing.

Clare has sent the following message:-

"Thank you for all of your support during what is a challenging time in policing. We are still determined to give victims of crime the best service possible and to put our resource in the right place to be able to respond to threats and to build trust and confidence in policing locally. You have all helped with this through the strong joint working we have across both districts."

Inspector Alex Reading will be temporary Chief Inspector for three months initially. Alex comes to Havant from a central role supporting the Chief Constable and he has a vast experience of neighbourhood policing across the county.

Enforcement

As of the 1st September the process for managing nuisance and abandoned vehicles has moved over from the Neighbourhood Quality Team to Parking. This move enables more effective use of resources and would also make sense to our customer to have 'nuisance' vehicles dealt with by the Parking Service.

Environmental Health

HMO licensing policy and associated standards were recently approved by Council, providing us with the framework to proactively drive up standards in the private rented sector and protect the health and safety of our residents. The changes to mandatory HMO licensing criteria are now in force and we have received several HMO licence applications, which we are processing in line with our new policy.

To address potential fire safety issues affecting caravan sites on Hayling Island, we have begun the process of engaging with the site operators starting with the largest site. We visited the Elliotts site recently along with colleagues from Hampshire Fire and Rescue Services and agreed upon a positive way forward with the owners of the caravan site. We will continue this process with the other affected sites.

Parking Strategy / Management

The team continues to monitor the overnight parking on West Beach.

Since the temporary ban came into effect mid-August the team has issued 65 PCNs to motorhomes parking overnight in this area. The team continues to

monitor displacement and as yet we have not noticed any pattern of major parking issues emerging as a consequence.

The Traffic Team continues to be busy implementing a number of TROs across the borough. This includes:

- Juniper Square
- Coronation Road / Jubilee Road
- Kingsclere Avenue
- Old Copse Road
- Cross Way (ready to be implemented)
- Saltmarsh Land (due November 18)
- Brockhampton Lane (consultation with residents is due to be undertaken)

The following are to be advertised in the near future:

- Padnell Avenue / Padnell Road
- Freshfield Gardens
- Botley Drive shops
- The Dale
- St Albans Road
- Froxfield Road

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Councillor Lulu Bowerman: Cabinet Lead for People and Communications

Although it has been a relatively short time since the last Full Council on 26 September, it has been a very busy time with new projects linked to the proposed regeneration strategy. These include working closely with Havant and South Downs College Business Growth and Innovation department on future projects with local employers and also identifying skills training that can be delivered for identified groups across the borough. Development work is also underway with the Communications and Regeneration teams to ensure an appropriate and dynamic campaign is in place for the strategy in the future.

Marketing and Communications

The winter edition of “Serving You” featuring on promoting the garden waste service in the borough is currently being printed and will be distributed from 12 November. There are important messages including recycling and revised waste collection dates over the festive period.

Media highlights:

- * Works to assess the condition of Langstone sea defences begin – this was featured on BBC South Today with an interview from Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership and Cllr Pike.
- * Fresh shingle for Eastoke beachfront – featured in The News
- * Step up and change things – A Councillor Can – this campaign has also been running on social media with five videos being produced by the communications team with the help of councillors. This campaign has been very successful and has reached more than 6,770 people
- * Funding scored for pavilion refurbishment
- * Wheels in motion for new bus service – Radio Solent joined in on the launch of the bus service on Hayling by interviewing Cllr Pike live on the breakfast show. This was also featured in The News

Regeneration: The communications team is very involved with developing branding, as well as producing resources for trade events for this exciting new campaign

Local plan: The communications team is providing support to the Planning Policy Team to develop materials for the next public engagement

Website and social media portfolio report www.havant.gov.uk (July – September 2018 (Q2))

Social media update

Facebook

The top post on Facebook was on 17 October 2018 - 4,635 people reached, 64 engagements

"The roundabout junction at Southmoor Lane/Harts Farm Way/Brookside Road/Brockhampton Road will be closed OVERNIGHT - between 7pm and 7am - for five nights from Monday 5 November 2018".

Twitter

The top post was on 10 October 2018 - 1,391 people reached, 15 engagements

"Today on #worldmentalhealthday2018 we signed a @timetochange pledge to change the way we think and act about mental health, #itsokaynottobeok #leadingtheway #asktwice"

Instagram

Havant Borough Council has entered the world of Instagram the social networking app made for sharing photos and videos from a smartphone.

It is a great app for reaching a younger audience as its main user group are those under the age of 25.

We are hoping that by using the app, we will be able to better engage with the 29% of Havant residents who are in this age bracket.

<https://www.instagram.com/havantborough>.

Website update www.havant.gov.uk

Work on the website is ongoing and is now also part of the future planning for the Regeneration strategy. There was also a recent change on how to contact councillors with a tab on the home page and also under "Your Organisation" so that it is easier to find contact details for each ward.

166,601 website visits

406,908 website pages viewed

We have seen a massive spike in the number of users accessing our website. Compared to the same period last year (99,322) we have seen an increase of 68% in our website traffic (166,601). More residents than ever are accessing council services and information through our website.

There are on average 30 updates made to the website each day to ensure it remains fit for purpose and continuously gives users the latest (and correct) information.

Where do users look at the website from? The HBC website is mainly viewed from Portsmouth (21%) and London (18%). This is likely to be those who commute and access our website from their place of work.

Most viewed service areas

	Page title	Views		Page title	Views
1	Search and comment on planning applications	20,904	6	Bin collection	9,361
2	Contact us	15,001	7	Search HBC	8,887
3	Council Tax	14,393	8	Pay your Council Tax	7,896
4	Planning Services	12,547	9	Weekly list of planning applications and appeals	7,680
5	Where I live	9,541	10	Our seafront	6,142

The most viewed page in Q2 was “search and comment on planning applications”. This page details the process for commenting on a planning application and the time frames involved.

It is also positive to see ‘our seafront’ in the top 10 as this page was promoted on the back of the Hayling Island seafront regeneration campaign (details above).

E-newsletters

548 new subscribers meaning we are now on 7,069.

89 bulletins were sent with an open rate of 47%

Customer insight

The final draft of the residents’ survey is now with the Executive Board for consideration

HR

Executive Coaching/Senior Leadership Development

Executive Coaching is progressing to support self-selected Heads of Service in their development, identifying areas of 'stretch' and developing personal strategies, to ensure high performance in the role.

Leadership development continues to be an area of focus for the broader leadership team with quarterly leadership sessions available to attend alongside the annual leadership conference. Great opportunity to engage with successful leaders from a variety of backgrounds/sectors.

Organisational Change

HR Business Partners have been working with Heads of Service to advise on job design and restructures to align resources to business plans. This process has also introduced the Capita HR Advisory team to the council's change procedures. HR Business Partners are supporting also in relation to the job evaluation aspect of new and evolving roles in the council.

Employee Engagement

Employee engagement continues to be a priority area of work for the Strategic HR and OD team. Examples of workstream outcomes to date include;

- * Wellbeing – the development and formal adoption by Full Council of a Wellbeing Strategy,
- * An approved 'Employer Pledge' action plan within the framework of the Time to Change mental health awareness campaign; staff members trained as recognised Mental Health First Aiders in order to support colleagues;
- * Governance – development, in conjunction with Communications team members, of a short, animated graphic to demonstrate council decision making processes.
- * Communications – development of mini surveys to take to team meetings to gather feedback from staff members on their experience of the council as their employer.

Health & Safety

A revised out of hours arrangement has been developed which will be shared with EHDC. The arrangement will ensure appropriate levels of resilience are maintained for the council outside normal working hours in case of an emergency. Further details on this will be shared in due course with members.

An emergency planning exercise was recently held to test the councils' response to an emergency scenario. This was led in conjunction with our HCC colleagues and proved a useful exercise to test the council's response.

Democratic Services

Councillor Training

The pilot 'A Councillor Can' programme was conducted over the last few months and I would like to pass on my thanks to those who took part. We held two events in Havant town centre in September, which followed an extended programme of social media posts, posters in prominent locations in the Borough and an article in Serving You. In addition, the 'A Councillor Can' videos have been released to further promote the role of the Councillor – if you haven't seen these yet, they have been posted via the Council's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

There are however ways in which we can improve this campaign in future years. The Councillor Development Panel is meeting soon to discuss this and will look at holding more events in a variety of locations and how to better target these to reach as wide an audience as possible. Any suggestions are welcome – please feed these back to Democratic Services.

The Councillor Training Programme continues to provide bespoke training to members on the key topics for consideration. In recent weeks, Councillors have attended sessions on the Local Plan, Regeneration Strategy and Emergency Planning. An invitation to a planning knowledge session on 4 December has been sent out to all councillors not just members of the DMC and I would urge all members to attend this very useful and informative session.

Members are reminded that if there are any areas you feel are in need of further training, please liaise with Democratic Services.

Scrutiny

The Governance, Audit and Finance Board has held Challenge Sessions on the progress against outstanding NFI matches with a representative from Capita. The review of the Councillor Allowance Scheme has been completed and was approved by Council at its last meeting.

The Budget Scrutiny Panel has met and agreed its business plan for this year and will commence its scrutiny shortly. With regard to its non scrutiny work, the Board has received an internal audit progress report and considered the Annual Audit Letter 2017/18.

The Business and Commercial Services Board is scheduled to hold a Challenge Session on Norse on 21 November this year. A Panel of this Board commenced a review into littering in the borough on 30 October 2018.

The Operations and Place Shaping Board has held Challenge Sessions on the Community Trigger and the proposed Regeneration Strategy. In response

to the public reaction to the recent incidents of effluence being discharged into Langstone Harbour, the Board has arranged for a Challenge Session with representatives of Southern Water Authority on 13 November 2018

Revenue and Benefits

Council Tax Support - Cabinet agreed on the 24th October the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2019/20 which in turn will be recommended to Council on 7th November. In view of the roll out of Universal Credit to new claimants, it was considered prudent to keep the same scheme as this year.

Universal Credit - As Universal Credit is rolled out for some new claimants, changes have been made to our website to include information about how to apply and useful contact information <http://www.havant.gov.uk/universal-credit>

It is worth noting, that although Universal Credit will include several benefits in one payment, Council Tax Support will still need to be applied for through our Revenues and Benefits service.

Elections

Annual Canvas - The team is currently working through annual canvas for the new Register of Electors due to be published on 1st December 2018.

Online responses to the review forms have already exceeded last year's results (8,901). More than 9,000 forms have been completed online so far, and we expect another 1,000 online forms before the end of the review, saving staff time and money.

Digital

Day to day arrangements for the IT service through Capita continue, with the ongoing need for officers to work with the supplier to ensure the correct standards are in place in areas, such as service desk operation and problem management. The latter is particularly important where we are experiencing repeated issues or loss of service.

Meanwhile service improvement activities are underway, with the previously reported pilot for secure printing now progressing towards full implementation. A new proof of concept is also being looked into to test improvements in how staff will be able to work flexibly from different devices and locations. Such initiatives will further test the services being provided.

In my last report, I highlighted the Cyber Security Stocktake; an LGA-led initiative for all Councils in England to test their readiness and resilience in terms of protection against cyber attack. The feedback on this has now been received, and in my next report I will advise on any improvement actions being taken forward to protect the Council services and data.

As seen in the national press, all organisations are continuing to experience an increase in cyber attack, and locally, we have seen an upturn in phishing emails.

If you receive an email you suspect to be a phishing scam, don't click on any links or open any attachments.

- 1 If you receive an email that you suspect to be a phishing scam, firstly give the IT service desk a call on **0808 164 3092** and report it.
- 2 Forward the email to 5councilssecuritymanagement@capita.co.uk to alert that team that you have received phishing email.
- 3 Delete the email and your forwarded email(s) and empty your deleted items folder.

I am exploring options to provide training and awareness to Councillors regarding cyber security which will help us all in spotting suspicious behaviour and establish clear Do's and Don'ts when it comes to information security

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Councillor Gary Hughes

Cabinet Lead for Contracts and Commercial Services

Environmental Services Joint Venture delivered by NSE

NSE continues to gain new commercial business and has secured major contracts with Horndean Technology College (commercial waste), Poole Grammar School (cleaning) and 'Fasset' Langstone Technology Park (grounds maintenance).

We now have nearly 9,500 garden waste collection service customers and will be running an advertising campaign, including a feature in the autumn edition of 'Serving You,' to encourage residents to sign up for the service.

Two borough-wide weed control treatments and is working to remove dead weeds. Weed spraying will continue as weather conditions permit.

Project Integra

I attended the Project Integra Strategic Board meeting on 11th October. The Board was advised that HCC still plans to deliver the proposed Super Material Recovery Facility (SMRF) by 2021, however there are a number of factors that are affecting its scale, material throughput and costs.

A 'Waste Composition Analysis' is currently underway, with the last one undertaken in 1999. Each of the 15 waste authorities in Hampshire, plus the 10 HWRCs will provide large volume samples. Every sample is pre-weighed, sorted into 60 different waste-streams and each individual stream weighed at the end. The scope of this project is to determine trends, types of waste, changes (since 1999) and map it to mosaic data with each authority receiving a set of the raw data applicable to their area. It is hoped that the output might further a Hampshire wide approach to waste.

The Board discussed consistent measuring to achieve recycling rates and the Board meeting in February will consider the findings of a recycling study commissioned by the Waste Recycling Action Partnership (WRAP).

Police and Crime Panel

I attended the Hampshire PCC Police and Crime Panel on 5th October. The PCC presented his draft 2017/18 Annual Report. It covers topics such as; fairer funding, budget setting, local community projects, community safety partnerships, supporting victims, restorative justice, hate crime, domestic abuse, criminal justice, emergency services collaboration, estates strategy, contact management programme (IT) and business crime. The final report will be provided to members in due course.

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Councillor Tim Pike: Cabinet Lead for Finance and Regeneration

Coastal Management & Climate Change

South Hayling Beach Management Activities (2017-2022)

Works commenced 24th September with 20,000 m³ of material extracted from Gunner Point and the Open Beach following accretion of material at these locations over the past year. The material was placed and graded at Eastoke to manage the flood risk to the 1700 homes behind these defences. Agreement was received from Hayling Golf Club to use Gunner Point again as a recycling location.

The dredging contract tenders have been received and we will award this contract in the next two weeks. We are in discussion with Chichester Harbour Conservancy regarding the potential for a dredging operation of the Chichester Harbour Bar during the first three months of 2019.

Broadmarsh Coastal Park

Work has commenced on a new feasibility study for Broadmarsh, to understand the complex issues affecting these ageing defences, constraints and risks at the site, groundwater processes, overtopping and environmental importance. It will also consider a short list of coastal defence options and then develop the most appropriate option to outline design stage.

The scope of the works and initial searches are currently being undertaken, with contract documents for ground investigations and consultant appointment due to be sent out in January 2019.

Funding of £73,000 has been sourced through Local Levy via the Environmental Agency Regional Flood & Coastal Committee. The project is due for completion by March 2020.

West Beach Hayling Island

ESCP is undertaking regular beach surveys to monitor rates of beach shape and profile change at West Beach. The report included additional erosion risk scenarios, and a review of recent beach level changes following removal of the failing beach groynes at West Beach.

Drone service

The ESCP survey team has taken delivery of a quadcopter (drone). We are in the process of training up our first six pilots who will then be qualified to operate the drone, with one pilot flying, while the other operates the onboard HD camera

systems. Initially the drone will support the team with asset inspections, coastal monitoring, ecological surveys and incident response, with a view to developing this service and making it available to other council services.

Regional Habitat Creation Programme (RHCP)

The RHCP is legally required to deliver habitat creation across the region, to replace habitats lost through Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM). The RHCP is administered by the Environment Agency (EA), however limited progress has been made since 2011 other than the delivery of the Medmerry Managed Realignment scheme between Selsey and Bracklesham, West Sussex. With many opportunities for habitat creation within the Havant borough (and wider ESCP area), it has been critical for us to inform and progress this programme. Future FCERM schemes to protect people and property rely on the successful provision of compensatory habitat.

Phase 1 of the project, the Strategic Update report for the RHCP has now been signed off by both the Environment Agency and Natural England. The ESCP's Strategic Update work confirms the quantity of habitat creation required in this area to meet our legal obligations. The findings of the strategic update will be shared with local authority planning officers and other relevant stakeholders via a workshop.

We are now working on Phase 2, the Tactical Stage of the RHCP project. We have investigated 18 priority sites (five of which are within the Havant borough) for their feasibility for intertidal habitat creation. Jointly with the EA we have produced a habitat creation delivery plan that will ensure we meet our RHCP targets up to the end of the second epoch of the Shoreline Management Plan (i.e. 2055). Ten potential habitat creation sites have been added to the EA's Medium-Term Plan, which is the first step in securing FDGiA funding to start investigating the viability of these schemes. Over the coming years, we will be looking at these sites in detail to confirm and plan the habitat creation opportunities.

Solent Bird Studies

The results of the analysis of 40,000 bird records and a series of recommendations for taking forward future FCERM and habitat creation projects will be presented at the joint Solent Bird Studies/RHCP workshop.

The data has already been used for assessing sites for the RHCP tactical stage, and for the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy. The data will also be of use within the planning system for assessing site allocations, applications and planning any required mitigation in relation to Brent geese and other over-wintering SPA bird species.

Hayling Island Funding and Implementation Strategy

Funding approval and financial sign off by the EA for the modified 'Hayling Island Funding and Implementation Strategy' was received in May 2018,

securing £190k Flood and Coastal Risk Management Grant in Aid (FCERM GiA).

The ESCP is actively investigating and bidding for alternative funding from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) Local Levy in addition to GiA to secure the future stages of this work.

Langstone FCERM Scheme – Outline design

Ground / structural investigation works took place along the frontage over a two-week period at the end of September 2018. The results will feed into the options appraisal process and outline design.

The project team has appraised a long list of possible coastal defence options for Langstone, from which a shortlist of possible options has been identified. In mid-October the project team presented this shortlist to the Project Board and gained its approval. Moving forwards, the project team will share the shortlisted options at a second Langstone Stakeholder Working Group meeting and two public events programmed for mid-November 2018.

Financial Strategy (inc. MTFs, borrowing & investments)

We have just completed midyear financial reporting and are currently performing within the budget set at the beginning of the year. A detailed report will be coming to Cabinet in the next few weeks.

The Annual Budgeting and Business Planning process has begun which will look to align resources to the delivery of our new Corporate Strategy.

As per previous years portfolio holders and Members will be involved throughout the budget setting process before the final budget is presented in February next year.

Plaza

The conference facilities at the Plaza continue to be well used by partner and external organisations despite the pressures on these groups to reduce spend on venue and event bookings. We are finding that our competitively priced conference suite offering, well managed conferences and good customer feedback are leading to repeat bookings and income streams to be maintained.

Colleagues in the Facilities Team continue to challenge internal booking requests and prioritise external income opportunities for the venue wherever possible

Economic Development and Business Support,

Inward investment - We continue to actively promote the borough as a location for business investment. A new brochure has recently been produced to showcase our regeneration and commercial development priorities to

investors and occupiers. Officers are currently dealing with a number of enquiries from companies outside the area interested in re-locating to Havant.

Havant Business Partnership - We are working in partnership with Havant and South Downs College to develop a regular forum for businesses in the borough. It is intended that this partnership will provide a forum through which local companies can be actively supported to access finance/advice from a range of providers and make connections with other businesses. This will also provide the council with a means through which the business community can be consulted and involved in our regeneration plans. Initial discussions with businesses suggest they would value a local forum with this focus. The first meeting of the partnership is planned for January 2019.

Waterlooville MDA construction skills programme - as part of the S106 agreement, developers are required to contribute to local construction training. The first tranche of the programme has been very successful with 20 participants receiving training to enable them to work within the construction industry. The programme is provided by PCMI and commissioned and monitored by HBC. I'm pleased to report that 11 residents have now secured full time employment as a result of this scheme.

Energy efficiency

Electric Vehicle charge-point Infrastructure EVCI - This project is nearing completion, when the first three chargers will be commissioned and publicised in the media.

CitizEn Energy - CitizEn is the brand name of the 'white label' energy supply company launched this month by Southampton City Council. Havant is one of around 14 local authorities to have signed a letter of support.

Domestic Retrofit ECO flex and ECO3 - This is funding from energy companies and is available to residents who qualify against criteria in HBC's statement of intent. Since Q4 2017-18 (approx. nine months) the figures show £44K of measures have benefitted Havant residents.

The replacement of the scheme is likely to work in the same way, with installers claiming funds directly from the energy company. A new Statement of Intent will be drafted when details emerge.

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Cllr Leah Turner

Cabinet Lead for Communities, Development and Housing

HOUSING

Hampshire Home Choice (Choice Based Lettings/Allocations Scheme)

Along with Tracey Wood, I attended the latest meeting in Winchester on the 19th October 2018.

Items on the agenda included The Green Paper, GDPR, partnership working and nominations and the budget for the scheme.

Social Housing Green Paper

Cabinet considered the paper and have agreed to providing feedback on the consultation.

The key themes are:-

Tackling stigma and celebrating thriving communities.

Expanding supply and supporting home ownership.

Effective resolution of complaints.

Empowering residents and strengthening the regulator.

Ensuring homes are safe and of a decent quality.

Homeless Reduction Act

We are now six months into the new legislation, and as expected are spending much more time accessing and supporting households facing homelessness. Each resident approaching us has their own personal housing plan and we work with each one to find a solution to their problems.

Households are spending longer in B&B, due to the 56 days required before we can make a decision. Access to the private sector is becoming increasingly difficult. The team is currently focusing on landlord's incentives to try to improve access.

A very successful Homelessness Partnership has been held. 30 partner organisations working in the homelessness sector attended. Officers are currently working on a homelessness review and will be bringing a new Homelessness Strategy and Action Plan to Cabinet ready for implementation in April 2019.

SPORT AND LEISURE

Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy

This strategy is nearer completion and will provide an evidence base to the Havant Borough Local Plan. It comprises three assessment based documents relating to Open Spaces, Built Leisure Facilities and Playing Pitches. There have been delays from the consultants leading on the work and it is now expected that the strategy will be adopted by December. Both Cllr Pike and myself along with officers from Planning Policy and Communities are involved in the review of this strategy.

Waterlooville Recreation Ground

Officers will be working with the Waterlooville Action Group to develop a feasibility study looking at the use of the facilities at the recreation ground. This is funded by a successful CIL application in the last round of funding. The study will identify the best use for the pavilion, sport and play facilities and will be presented back to the community group with recommendations to improve the provision at the site.

Bidbury Mead Tennis

Officers have begun work to look at the refurbishment of the tennis courts at Bidbury Mead, and to look into the installation of a booking and access system. Feasibility work has been undertaken to understand the costs of the project. Officers are working to identify available funding to provide the best value for money for the council. Officers will look to utilise the relevant developer contributions as match funding towards the project. The project is dependent upon us securing external funding and identifying an operator through the formal tender process.

Hampshire Farm Play Area

Utilising S106 monies officers are currently working to install additional items of play equipment. There is potential to engage with the community to understand their wishes for Play equipment.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Safety Advisory Group has now met to review the arrangements made by the new Stockheath Common Fireworks Committee. It has given approval for the event to go ahead on Monday 5th November. This is the first time this large scale event has been organised by a community group and has been funded by a mixture of donations and external grants. NORSE is also providing support with road closures and fencing at no cost to the group. Although HBC have made no financial contribution we have worked closely with the volunteer committee, advising and mentoring them to ensure the event is run safely and professionally, and are providing the information and skills for the committee to continue independently in future years. The committee is trialling new ways to generate funds to continue the event for years to come, including increasing the number of stall holders at the event. To reduce costs there will not be a bonfire at this year's event.

CHRISTMAS IN THE BOROUGH

We will once again provide Christmas trees and lights for the key locations in the borough. Havant town centre, Waterlooville town centre, Mengham in Hayling, Park Parade in Leigh Park and Emsworth. The trees have been ordered and will be installed in late November. Last year's move to battery operated lights was very successful and the new style of installation was well received by our communities and will be repeated this year.

ARMED FORCES -THERE BUT NOT THERE PROJECT

After strong community support for the project, a second application to the national There But Not There campaign has secured a further four silhouettes, bringing in total 14 across the borough. These have been awarded to the community groups who had made

applications. They have been issued for installation with photos and stories being gathered for the supporting social media campaign.

Invitations have been issued to the Havant's Heroes event which takes place in the Hurstwood Room on 19th November between 1pm and 3pm. This event will bring the different groups together and enable the public to hear what has taken place to remember The Fallen from our Borough from WW1.

The accompanying Tommy sculpture is to be officially unveiled at a short ceremony on Friday 9th November at 11am outside The Plaza. All members are very welcome to attend what will be a moving occasion.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

A number of significant planning applications remain under consideration by the team. These have received high levels of public interest.

These include The Wellington Way redevelopment, Waterloo, 264 apartments. Land off Westwood Close, Emsworth, 46 dwellings, Land north of Sinah Lane, Hayling Island, 195 dwellings and Forty Acres Farm 320 dwellings.

The performance of the team during Q2 of 2018/2019 has been strong. The determination rates achieved against deadlines are:

100% on major applications against a local target of 70% and a national target of 60%

77% on minor application against a national target of 65%

92% on other applications against a national target of 80%

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The DMC approved planning applications for a new dwelling at Blendworth Crescent and the retention of a vehicle parking compound at Mill Rythe Lane, Hayling, at its meeting in August. Two new dwellings at Redlands House in Long Copse Lane in Emsworth were approved in September.

An application seeking permission for the use of land as a touring holiday/tourism caravan site at St Peters Road, Hayling, was refused at the September meeting. The site is subject of a current enforcement notice.

PLANNING POLICY AND URBAN DESIGN

Work continues on preparing the pre-submission Havant Borough Local Plan 2036 and its supporting evidence base. The council has commissioned Hemingway Design to undertake a feasibility study of the regeneration of Hayling Island Seafront.

The first stage of this work involved a seafront survey which took place towards the end of the summer holiday period, to involve visitors to the island. The Facebook campaign which supported the survey reached the accounts of 57,040 people on or close to Hayling Island. This included people who live elsewhere and were visiting the island. Of these, 1408 then clicked through to the website. Overall 868 people answered the survey. As part of this, respondents were also asked to sign up to a mailing list so that the council could give regular updates about the seafront. A prize draw of £100 of shopping vouchers was offered as an incentive and the winner has since been notified. The results of the survey will feed into Hemingway Design's work and the proposals for Hayling Island Seafront.

The aim is for Cabinet and Council to consider the pre-submission Havant Borough Local Plan on 30th January during Extraordinary Cabinet and Council meetings. This will be

dependent on the plan and all of the evidence being complete and robust. Briefings with members are ongoing to make sure that they are involved into the plan's preparation process. In addition discussions are continuing with statutory consultees on specific topics to make the plan as robust as possible.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

A councillor workshop to introduce CIL bids for 2018 took place on 3rd October 2018. There is currently a four week Councillor Consultation on the bids received, this ends on 2nd November 2018.

CIL income for the year continues on track, with £945,538 being received between 1st April and 30th September 2018.

A review into our current CIL policy is underway, with discussions now taking place between the CIL Officer, Head of Planning and myself as Cabinet Lead.

Notable S106 headlines:-

MDA Phase 9 Employment and Skills Plans funds awaited of £9,087.10

Ranelagh Road permission: affordable on-site housing provision complete. Site transfer to management company is pending.

S106 spending decisions on projects are being led by the Community Team.

a) Decision 015 £86,000 towards the refurbishment of the Barton's Green Pavilion attracted funding of £203,451 from the Football Foundation.

b) Decision 016 £19,500 for new equipment at the Hampshire Farm Play Park.

C) Decision 017 £15,000 attracted £835,000 of match funding towards the Havant Rugby Club Artificial Grass Pitch Project.