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COUNCIL AGENDA

Membership: Councillor Raines (Mayor)

Councillors Bowerman, P Bains, Bains, Branson, Briggs, Crellin, Guest, Francis, Howard, Hughes, Keast, Inkster, Jenner, Kennett, Linger, Moutray, Patel, Payter, Robinson, Stone, Thain-Smith, Lowe, Lloyd, Milne, Patrick (Deputy Mayor), Pike, Rennie, Robinson, Satchwell, Sceal, Scott, Mrs Shimbart, Turner, Wade, Weeks and Denton

Meeting: Council

Date: Wednesday 3 November 2021

Time: 5.00 pm (or immediately following the Extraordinary Council meeting on 03 November 2021 whichever is earlier)

Venue: Hurstwood Room, Public Service Plaza, Civic Centre Road, Havant, Hampshire PO9 2AX

The business to be transacted is set out below:

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PART 1 (Items open for public attendance)

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interests

To receive any declarations of interests from Members.

3 Minutes

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To confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 22 September 2021.

- 4 Mayor's Report** **5 - 12**
- 5 Public Questions under Standing Order 27.5**
- To receive questions from, and provide answers to the public, provided they have been submitted in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 27.5, which is to deal with any public questions notified no later than 12 noon three working days before the meeting and in accordance with the Council's protocol for public questions.
- 6 Cabinet/Board/Committee Recommendations**
- There are none.
- 7 Leader's Report** **13 - 16**
- 8 Cabinet Lead Reports** **17 - 52**
- 9 Cabinet Leads and Chairmen's Question Time**
- (i) the Leader and Cabinet Leads to answer questions on matters within their respective reports.
- (ii) Chairmen to answer questions on minutes since the last Council meeting
- 10 Questions Under Standing Order 27.4.1**
- To receive questions from Councillors in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 27.4.1, submitted by 12 noon three working days before the meeting.
- 11 Urgent Questions Under Standing Order 27.4.2**
- To receive urgent questions from Councillors submitted in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 27.4.2, which is to be received no less than two hours prior to the start of the meeting.
- 12 Notices of Motion** **53 - 54**
- The attached motion, signed by Cllr Rennie and Cllr Francis, was submitted in accordance with Standing Order 14.
- 13 Acceptance of Minutes** **55 - 56**
- The Council to receive the minutes of Committees:
- Planning Committee – 12 August 2August 2021

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Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 24 August 2021

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Cabinet – 08 September 2021

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Planning Committee – 09 September 2021

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Standards Committee – 13 September 2021

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Licensing Committee – 14 September 2021

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Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 29 September 2021

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- (b) In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Item XX

Paragraph XX

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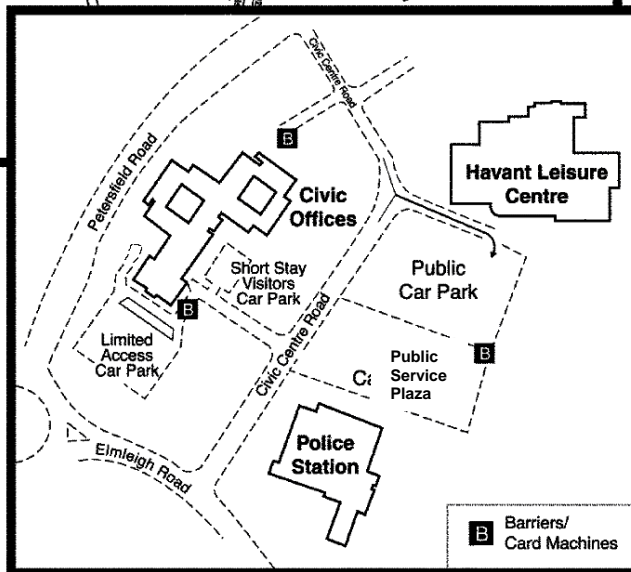
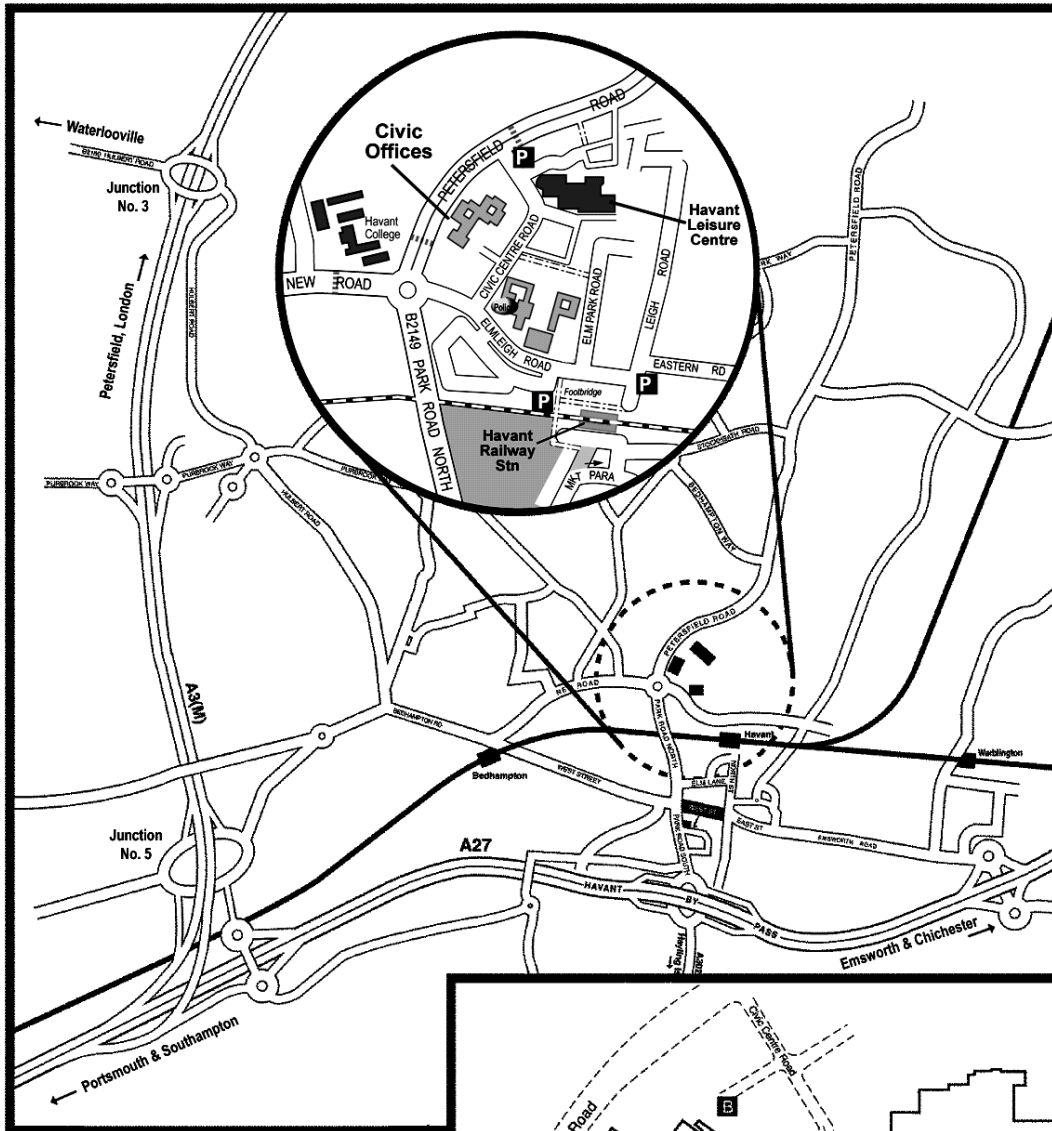
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 - 48 hours written notice is given; or
 - 2 hours written notice in relation to urgent matters

Voting

- Voting may be by a show of hands or by a ballot at the discretion of the Mayor
- Two Councillors may request, before a vote is taken, that the names of those voting be recorded in the minutes
- A recorded vote will always be taken in respect of approval of the Annual Budget
- Councillors may not vote unless they are in the meeting for the full debate on any particular item
- A Councillor may request that his/her vote be recorded in the minutes

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HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held on 22 September 2021

Present

Councillor Raines (Mayor)

Councillors Bains, Bowerman, Briggs, Crellin, Francis, Guest, Howard, Hughes, Inkster, Keast, Kennett, Linger, Moutray, Patel, Payter, Robinson, Stone, Thain-Smith, Lowe, Lloyd, Pike, Rennie, Turner, Wade and Weeks

14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Prad Bains, Jackie Branson, Tony Denton, Diana Patrick, Ian Robinson, Gwen Robinson, Clare Satchwell

15 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest from the members present.

16 Minutes

Proposed by Cllr Crellin and seconded by Cllr Turner it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 June 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

17 Mayor's Report

There were no questions for the Mayor on her published report and the report was duly noted.

18 Public Questions Under Standing Order 27.5

Mr Comlay addressed the Council.

Cllr Pike, as Cabinet Lead for Finance, Regeneration & Estates, Thanked Mr Comlay for his address on behalf of the Council and responded to the points raised.

19 Cabinet/Board/Committee Recommendations

Recommendation arising from the meeting of Cabinet on 08 September 2021:

Climate Change & Environment Strategy 2021-2026

Cllr Thain-Smith Thanked Cllr Francis as representative of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for their involvement in the motion and proposed the recommendations to Council.

The recommendation was duly seconded by Cllr Bowerman and following a vote, it was RESOLVED that Council agreed:

- 2.1 that Havant Borough Council adopt the attached Climate Change and Environment Strategy 2021 to 2026.
- 2.2 the action plan, as part of Havant Borough Council's Climate Change & Environment Strategy 2021 to 2026 be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee before it is considered by Cabinet and has been passed by Full Council.

Recommendation arising from the meeting of Planning Policy Committee on 19 July 2021:

Emsworth Neighbourhood Plan

In the absence of the Planning Policy Committee Chair and the relevant Cabinet Lead, Cllr Rennie, Leader of the Council, introduced the item and proposed the recommendation to Council.

Duly seconded by Cllr Crellin and following a vote, it was RESOLVED that Council agree:

- 1) Council be recommended to adopt the Emsworth Neighbourhood Plan with immediate effect, so that it becomes part of the statutory development plan for the area."
- 2) Council agree, in accordance with section 7 of the submitted report, that an additional 10% of the CIL collected in Emsworth ward should be allocated specifically to Emsworth, backdated to monies collected from 1 July 2020.)

Recommendation arising from the meeting of the Licensing Committee on 14 September 2021:

Caravan Site Licensing (residential sites): Fit and Proper Determination Policy

Cllr Turner, as Chair of the Licensing Committee, introduced the item and proposed the recommendation to Council.

Seconded by Cllr Keast and following a vote, it was RESOLVED that:

- 2.1 Council approve the submitted Caravan Site Licensing: Fit and Proper Person Determination Policy 2021-2026, and the appended Fee Procedure

Recommendation arising from the meeting of Standards Committee on 13 September 2021:

Appointment of the Independent Persons

Cllr Wilson, as Chair of the Standards Committee, introduced the item and proposed the Recommendation to Council.

Seconded by Cllr Briggs and following a vote, it was RESOLVED that Council agreed to:

- a. note the recruitment process of the Independent Persons (IPs)
- b. approve the appointment of Mr Andrew Kirk, Mr David Heck and Mr Peter Moore as Independent Persons as selected by the interview panel and detailed in this report

20 Leader's Report

There was nothing further that the Leader wished to add to his published report.

21 Cabinet Lead Reports

Cllr Bowerman updated that a meeting with Norse and colleagues in the Estates Department has been set up to discuss play equipment in the parks.

Cllr Bowerman further updated that a meeting has been set up to look at the placement of some of the beach huts to enable decisions to be made on where some of the beach huts can be relocated to.

Lastly, Cllr Bowerman informed Council that work to review the service level agreement of the joint venture with Norse will begin soon and a report on the governance of the joint venture is in its final draft.

Cllr Pike updated that he has attended the Portchester Crematorium Joint Committee meeting where the committee thanked officers for their work in very difficult circumstances during the pandemic.

Cllr Thain-Smith thanked the Mayor for hosting the 'Green' coffee morning recently.

There were no further matters that Cabinet Leads wished to add to their published reports.

22 Cabinet Leads and Chairmen's Question Time

Cllr Bains confirmed to Cllr Hughes that there were plans for communications to discourage members of the public to fly tip.

Cllr Bains agreed to consider the request from Cllr Lloyd to include 'what constitutes fly tipping' in the communications to members of the public.

The reports were noted.

23 Questions Under Standing Order 27.4.1

No questions had been submitted under the provision of this Standing Order.

24 Urgent Questions Under Standing Order 27.4.2

No questions had been submitted under the provision of this Standing Order.

25 Committee Appointments

Proposed by Cllr Rennie and seconded by Cllr Stone it was RESOLVED that Council:

- (i) Reviews the representation of the different political groups on each of the Committee, Boards and Panels set out in Appendix A and determines:
 - (a) the allocation of seats on each of those bodies to each of the political groups into which the Council is divided and
 - (b) the membership of those bodies in accordance with the wishes of those groups; and
- (ii) Approves:
 - a) the appointment of Councillors to those Committees, Boards and panels as set out in Appendix B: Parts A & B and;
 - b) that all appointments at (ii) remain in place until the next Annual meeting of the Council.)

26 Acceptance of Minutes

Proposed by Cllr Kennett and seconded by Cllr Briggs it was RESOLVED that the minutes of Committees held since the last meeting of Council be received.

The meeting commenced at 5.02 pm and concluded at 5.38 pm



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Mayor's Report September/October 2021

With two full council meetings already chaired, and being on a steep learning curve, especially protocols for debate, I do feel the information in starting to sink in.

I cannot believe that we are almost halfway through our term of office. The time has gone so quickly and both Graham and I have felt humbled to have met so many interested and talented people within our Borough makes us both incredibly proud.

KITE SURFING FESTIVAL 10/09/2021.

The first time with a driver, "Tom", made the occasion an even more special day for me. Sadly, Graham was at work and unable to accompany me. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces, especially in the children's tent, where they were given a talk by world champion Lewis Crathern about the environment and water safety. This was followed by a demonstration on the water, such an incredibly talented young man, who will hopefully inspire the youngsters to have a go at Kitesurfing.

The thing that impressed me the most was the care for the environment that was clear for all to see with Final Straw foundation, clearly visible with "Nelly the fish for recycling cans and plastic water bottles.

SEAFARERS SERVICE, PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL. 12/09/2021.

A prestigious service remembering past seafarers who have lost their lives at sea.

A time for wearing the Robes and having Neill Paine the facilities manager to help with the robing process. The Lord Mayor Frank Jonas led the ceremony followed by Naval dignitaries, the Mayor of Gosport, and his Mace bearer, then Neill my Mace bearer followed by myself. The MPs of Portsmouth followed behind, whilst we walked to the Cathedral and were then shown to our seats where our partners were waiting. We all had masks on during the ceremony, following Covid guidelines.

It was a thought-provoking service, both for Graham and me, there were readings from the Dean of Portsmouth, then the Lord Mayor's Police cadets. The choir sang in between. After the service we were all handed our wreath to take with us before we all paraded to the Nelson Memorial in Old Portsmouth. The first to lay a wreath was the Lord Mayor followed by the Mayor of Gosport then myself, an honour indeed, to play a small part on such an important occasion. After the MPs had laid their wreaths, we then walked up the slope to the "Hot walls to watch the Lord Mayor cast a wreath of flowers to commemorate the sad occasion of those who had lost their lives at sea.

We had a chat to most of the dignitaries and the Mayor and Mayoress of Gosport. I also went to thank the chaps from the council, much to their amusement, it turns out that one of them has a Nephew who lives on Hayling who we both knew!

After the ceremony we walked back to the car and took the robes off and put them in the back of the car. We had 2 hours to kill before our next appointment so went and found a pub for lunch. After we had finished, we walked back to the car and Simon our driver took us to our next engagement in Lovedean.

70th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 12/09/2021

We all arrived a few minutes early so got out of the car and chatted in the carpark whilst we waited. The daughter of the couple celebrating their anniversary arrived and Simon went to speak to her. As it was a surprise visit, the daughter had not told her mum and dad about us both coming to see them. We both then went back into the car to wait for their arrival so as not to spoil the surprise. They both arrived a few minutes later and we followed them both in. They were both so surprised, it was an amazing feeling to feel so appreciated by everyone for such a simple act. We had brought them some flowers and a Mayoral card which she really appreciated. We both sat and had tea and cake with them and talked about their family. Everyone was so kind and made us feel welcome. Although it was a special day for them. It was special for us too. One that we will always remember.

U3A OPEN DAY HAYLING ISLAND. 16/09/2021

Tom arrived and put the chain of office on before we left for the U3A Open Day. Sadly, Graham was at work, so was unable to accompany me. As we arrived in the carpark, a gentleman on "carpark duty did not realise it was the Mayoral car and said to Tom, "sorry mate you can't park here, the car park is full, Tom thanked him politely and said, "that's ok, I'll just drop Madam Mayor off at the front door, it was so funny, the chap apologised profusely, it did make me smile.

I was met by Ann who showed me round at a rapid pace in between photos. Again, it was so lovely to see so many residents whom I recognised, who all wanted to ask me lots of questions. We then walked to the Radford Guide Hall to see the rest of the exhibition, it was interesting, to see the different activities that were on offer and the enthusiasm of all the members was inspiring.

The speaker for the afternoon was Malcolm Wells, who is a professional speaker. He travels around the country, talking about his past life and experiences of which there were many. It was funny but also conveyed the message about helping people, something I hold close to my heart. After he had finished the chairperson thanked him, then asked if I would like to come up and say a few words. I gave my usual thanks, and indicated that I will join the local U3A, when I have finished my year as Mayor. I was invited to go unofficially to the AGM on the 21st of October, but forgot that I had done so many engagements, my report took longer than anticipated to finish so sadly I missed it!

PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL PRIZE GIVING. 16/09/2021

Graham and I both had an early dinner and left for Southsea at 5:15 not knowing how bad the traffic would be leaving the Island or going into Portsmouth. We arrived early and parked the car in the school carpark. We both spoke to one of the staff to check that it was ok to leave the car there and walked into the town centre to pass some time. We then walked back to the High School and were shown to the Sports Hall. We sat next to the Mayor and Mayoress of Gosport, so it was nice to see someone we both recognised. The Award ceremony started with a Cello piece, played by one of the students. This was followed by a few short speeches from the students before being given their certificates. At the end there was a brilliant concluding speech by the chair of Governor's who is well known throughout the Country and has achieved great things during her life partly due to past experiences, she was an inspiration to both us and the students. A speech from the head teacher thanking everyone for coming and especially the students for doing so well in their exams. The Ceremony concluded with a piano piece by one of the tutors who ironically used to be married to one of the Lifeboat crew on Hayling.

When the ceremony had finished, we went to another theatre across the courtyard for some photos and canapés. We both met Stephen Morgan an MP for Portsmouth and chatted to him for a short while. We also spoke to some of the tutors who seemed nice. The one thing that struck us both was the confidence that most of the girls displayed, together with kindness and empathy, also at least half of them were wearing "Doc Martin shoes. It is a real shame that mine are now beginning to show their age! It was also a pleasure for us to meet some family's from Hayling too, and have a quick chat with them, before we thanked the staff and left, another great evening.

MAYORS COFFEE MORNING. 17/09/2021

The facilities team staff put a lot of effort into making this day a success, Tom Kennar the vicar of St Faiths, the RNLI, and Sue James from Havant climate Alliance, all worked together and without all their efforts the coffee morning would not have been able to take place.

I managed to ask the Co-op on Hayling if they would be able to donate some Fair-Trade tea and coffee which they kindly helped with, knowing the manager does have its benefits sometimes!

We all arrived early to set up the tables and chairs under the expert guidance of Neill Payne the Facilities Manager and Tom Kenner who kindly offered the Church as a venue, for which I was very grateful. It is a beautiful church and worked perfectly for what we were trying to achieve. Our coffee morning was held at the beginning of Green week for the Borough but was also a fundraiser for the RNLI which is my Mayoral charity. The children of St Thomas More school came and sang a new "Green song they had all been learning in their dinner hour at school. They sang it so beautifully that I asked if they would sing it again, and they were loudly applauded with everyone enjoying it. We had a raffle and Angie very kindly ran the Tea's and coffees for me. Nigel Roper gave a short speech about the RNLI, followed by an auction for some great cakes that Cllr Pam Crellin had brought in. I gave a short speech thanking Tom, Neil and his team, Anne for running the Raffle table, all the Alliance group, the RNLI & the school children and teachers who were great. I couldn't have done it without them, together we raised £184:64.

OPENING OF HSBC BANK WATERLOOVILLE 21/09/2021

I drove to the Plaza and met Dan in the carpark to go to Waterlooville high street to open the New Digital bank. It was a beautiful day, and the sun was shining as we put the chains on and walked up to the high street. We were met by Matt Boardman who was the manager and cut the ribbon to the connecting door within the bank. Being very frugal I cut the ribbon near the beginning so that it could be used again, (I hate waste)!

There was a queue of customers waiting to come in, so I opened the door and welcomed them in, they were quite surprised when I opened the door. There were plenty of staff to show them how to use the machines.

The manager asked me to cut the cake to celebrate the occasion and we all had a small piece. I wished him luck and left, one of the quickest Mayoral visits I think so far.

WARBLINGTON SCHOOL GREEN WEEK 21/09/2021

I arrived with Daniel the driver and was met at the front door by some Pupils. After speaking to all the pupils, I then presented Rebecca with her book token. Rebecca had won the competition to design an eye-catching poster to advertise Green Week within the Borough. Sadly, I had missed the conclusion of Green week at the Meridian centre on the Saturday where I should have presented Rebecca with her Token then as I had been unwell.

We all went to have a look at the school's newly created garden and to see how much work they had done, being a gardener too, I could empathise with them how hard it can be sometimes but did offer to come back and help them and explain the importance of looking after nature and the environment, something I hold dear to my heart. Their followed a short question and answer session, but they all seemed far more interested in the chain and how heavy it was! I thanked them for inviting me and the visit concluded with a photo by the main entrance, and I gave them all a Mayoral pen, fortunately Dan had some more in the car as the teachers wanted one each too. A pleasant afternoon!

SAMARITANS AGM 21/09/21

This was an interesting evening, but very humbling listening to their efforts to continue to raise money and awareness of the important work they all do especially during the Pandemic.

At the end of the AGM, I stayed and talked to some of the staff and the lady who works in the Charity shop in Southsea recognised me and thanked me for spending money in her store, I did say to her that I will be going back soon. Bev, the lady that had looked after me during the evening was very kind and made me a cup of

tea, while everyone was tucking into a buffet and wine, I even declined the cake as it was getting late in the evening so left about 9pm to go home after a busy day.

WATERLOOVILLE BOWLING CLUB EXTENSION OPENING 23/09/2021

Daniel picked me up and we drove to Waterlooville, it was so lovely to be driven and not to have to worry about parking. We were met by Paul Buckley who used to be a Councillor with HBC until 2 years ago, he is the President of the club and had established a working committee to be able to start work on the recent extension to the bowls club. We walked round to the front entrance where Paul gave a detailed speech about the history of the club and the extension, the Architect was there as well as lots of members and their families, this preceded a ribbon cutting ceremony, followed by a small posy of flowers presentation to me from a club member. Paul showed me around the building together with the architect to explain the improvements and the difference it would make to the club including the Gents toilets and locker rooms that were twice the size of the female's facilities, the answer being, there are twice as many male members than female!

We all went to the members lounge area where I was asked to propose a toast to the new extension and its success which I did. I managed 2 mouthfuls of Prosecco and managed to hide it behind the blinds by the windowsill. Drinking during the day is not good for me.

It was lovely to see a former work colleague who I had not seen for 17 years whose husband was a member of the bowling club. It was great to catch up and she is now thinking about joining the club too.

I met the HBC planning officer and spoke to him briefly before I left. I went to find Paul and thanked him for the invitation and wished him and his fellow colleagues' success. Before leaving both Daniel and I walked past the Park and had a quick peek, I would say that it is even bigger than the Hayling Park where my dad was Park keeper years ago, with the best Bowling green in Hampshire at that time.

PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRIZE GIVING PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL 23/09/2021

Both Graham and I drove to the Portsmouth Grammar School and parked within the school grounds. We were met by one of the staff and taken to the library building, a beautiful room, lined with wood and some books. The room had been cleared to accommodate everyone in a Covid compliant manner. I did have a small glass of Prosecco, as did Graham. We spoke firstly to the Mayor and Mayoress of Gosport, who we have both met on previous occasions. We then spoke to the head girl and her mum and Nan who had come from Arundel to see her daughter giving a speech at the Cathedral.

After a short time, we were asked to walk across the road to the Cathedral where we had both been recently for the Seafarers service. We were shown to our seats and sat down. The students were given awards by various guests concluding with a speech of thanks from the headmistress. This was followed by a speech from an eminent speaker, but I think it was the most boring speech I had ever heard. No passion in her voice and half the children and families were finding it difficult not to nod off. When this finished, we then walked back to the School for a hot buffet. We spoke to a few more parents for a short while, then thanked the staff and came home, an interesting evening.

WINCHESTER GREEN WEEK 03/10/2021

Graham and I drove to Winchester early and had lunch in Owslebury where our son was working and spoke with Sam briefly, before driving on to Winchester. We walked through the City to the Cathedral, as we walked in and waited to be shown to our seat Phillip Sykes and his wife, the High Sheriff of Hampshire were stood in front of us. Having met them before recently, we had a quick chat before being shown to our seats.

The theme for the week was recycling and being green, very similar to our week too.

We stood for the procession and then all sat as they took their seats in front of us.

This was followed by a speech and some hymns, an amazing service in a great building, steeped in history. A procession of local groups and churches with placards pledging to recycle made their way up to the front of the cathedral. A concluding speech closed the service.

As we left, we thanked the staff at the door and popped into the Cathedral cafe for a cup of tea before we made our way home. Another lovely service.

THE SPRING ARTS CENTRE IN HAVANT 8/10/2021

Both Graham and I took our own cars and met Tom in the carpark to put the chains on. We also took Sue Moss, my Chaplain and Johnathan Bradbury, Lifeboat operations manager on Hayling Island. We were met by Sophie and taken into the main area between the reception and coffee lounge, and I dropped off the flowers that I had taken with me. We greeted other Councillors and colleagues of Sophie Fullerlove before being shown to the theatre area for a short presentation by Sophie explaining what the Spring Arts centre has to offer.

Afterwards, we mingled at a distance in the Museum area with drinks and canapés. We met a musician called Jinx who in his small studio explained to us the work they do with troubled children in the area and the difference that music has made to them, increasing their confidence and self-esteem. He even let me have a go on his drums, Graham declined his offer.

Gill Kneller gathered all the guests together and I gave a small speech thanking all those who had made time to attend the evening. I explained that Sophie had kindly allowed me to judge the pictures for the Green Week Competition at the Spring, and that the floral display that I had made were a thank you to Sophie for all her support and help. It was a nice evening, but a shame that so few Council colleagues were able to attend. It had been a tough week for Graham and me, so a huge thank you to those that did come!

BRITISH LEGION 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 9/10/2021

Tom arrived and helped both Graham and I with our chains before we made our way to the Royal British Legion on Hayling Island to help celebrate 100 years as an organisation.

We were met by Andy and Leah who introduced us to other members who were coming to the parade, it was nice to see Ken Smith there as well as Alex Rennie, and Alan Mak MP along with one of his staff.

I met a lovely little girl called Lola who was waiting patiently for her dad to get ready to be flag bearer. I gave her a Mayoral pen and asked the barmaid if she had any paper which she gave me a few sheets of clean paper. I folded into half and made a little book for her and put her name on the front, she seemed really pleased.

After the introductions we made our way to the Cenotaph after picking up our wreaths to take with us. Jenny Gaffin took the service, and after the service we laid our wreaths, I was followed by Ken Smith, another gentleman whose name I have forgotten, Andy Cousins and lastly Alan Mak MP. The National Anthem was played before we left.

We all walked back the short distance to the Legion and had a drink, coffee for me, I am not good with alcohol during the day and drink very little now.

OFFICIAL MAYORAL PHOTO 11/10/2021

I arrived at 11:30 for official photos to be taken.

I was helped to Robe by Andy from the facilities team. It seemed odd putting them on only to have my photo taken. Something I have never had done before. Richard the photographer was very patient and took his time trying to find the right angle etc. It didn't take long, and I was soon back in normal clothes. It was nice to catch up with Anne briefly and quickly run through the diary.

AGE UK COWPLAIN LIZ WOOD VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION 14/10/2021

Daniel came to collect me, and we went to Cowplain to surprise Liz Wood who is a volunteer with Age UK in Cowplain. She had been cooking and delivering meals every week to the residents during lockdown that would normally have come to the hall for lunch. She was nominated for the award for her selfless compassion and care for her community. Liz was unaware that I would be there and was very surprised when she saw me. Her colleague introduced me, and I also thanked her for her selfless dedication to her residents. I gave her a flower arrangement that I had made, a certificate from HBC and a cut glass paperweight.

I was only there for a few minutes as the residents were waiting for their dinner. We had our photos taken and then a reporter asked me a few questions, then I left.

GORSEWAYS RETIREMENT HOME 14/10/2021

I was asked to attend the Gorseway nursing home on Hayling Island, to open 2 wings that had been renamed, the Queen Elizabeth unit and Prince Phillip unit.

I had worked there over 30 years ago when my first husband was alive, so it seemed strange being back there in an official capacity, although I had visited previously as a Community First Responder.

It was nice to see what improvements had been made after the ribbon cutting ceremony.

I was shown round by the manager and we talked about the care that patients required.

After the ribbon cutting, we were taken to the lounge for tea and scones, made by the chef. It was nice to sit and talk to some of the staff and a member of staff asked if I would be happy to go and see 2 patients, one was 101 last week and the other lady loved Royalty and I was the next best thing!

The lady of a hundred and one was the mother of a lady that I had met recently who is a volunteer fundraiser for the RNLI. IT was lovely to meet her, and we talked about what she did in the war, she was an engineer and worked for the Royal air force, she had worked hard all her life and liked it at Gorseway. I told her I worked there a long time ago and she asked me if I had liked it there, yes, I did. I then went downstairs to see the other lady who liked Royalty and I apologised that I was not the Queen, she was a lovely lady, but was riddled with arthritis and was in bed, she seemed happy to see me and asked me lots of questions about being the Mayor and where was my consort, I explained that he was still at work, so sadly was unable to come with me that day. Another good day, it was nice to feel that I may have brightened someone's day.

PALLANT AESTHETIC'S OPENING 15/10/2021

Graham and I were both met by Tom at home and put the chains on before getting into the car. We drove to Havant to the new Pallant Aesthetics business, as we pulled up outside the main front door, we were greeted with people lining the street and clapping, that has never happened before, I felt quite embarrassed. We both smiled and thanked everyone. We were met by Jo and Kerrie and had a few photos taken before we cut the ribbon. We then went inside. After a short speech from Jo, we were given a glass of Prosecco and I proposed a toast, but also thanked Mr Fudge, the Manager of Waitrose next door who had supplied the fizz and wished the team well in their new business.

We were shown into one of the treatment rooms where Kerrie gave a demonstration of some of their work on a willing volunteer. The lady looked amazing when she had finished. I spoke to Kerrie afterwards for a short while before we moved into the reception area for a few more photos. We thanked everyone and wished them well and left to go home.

ST SWITHUNS SCHOOL SERFCA AWARDS. WINCHESTER 19/10/2021

We were invited by the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Nigel Atkinson Esq, to be part of the Awards ceremony for meritorious service and Best Reservist Award and Appointment of Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant's Cadets 2021-2022.

It was an honour to be invited to attend the event. When we first arrived, we went to talk to a young lad, whose name was Ben and his mum who were standing on their own and everyone else were in little groups chatting. We introduced ourselves and they had come from Fareham, so it was nice to talk to someone local. His mum was so proud of him, and it was lovely to witness. As we were chatting Brigadier Maurice Sheen came over to speak to us and introduced himself, he seemed pleasant and gave the first speech after which we were escorted to the theatre. There were lots of speeches followed by a presentation of what they do and where they go, including training and mixing with the local community.

The first awards were to SERFCA volunteers for meritorious service, then the best Reservist Award, followed by the appointment of her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant's Cadets.

It was an amazing experience to think that all these people were volunteers, all doing a fantastic job. After the ceremony we went back up to the Harvey hall where we all met when we came in. A hot buffet had been laid out. It was all nicely laid out and we chatted to Vivien Ascherl the Mayor of Winchester and her husband. It was nice to meet so many interesting people from all walks of life and hear about their stories. We also met Onalee who is the Mayor of Basingstoke, I met her a little while ago at Hillier Gardens near Romsey recently. Finally, the Lord Lieutenant came over to introduce himself and thanked us both for coming to support the event, he was a lovely man, and it was easy to speak to him. He was very interested

in Graham's medals, especially his MBE. I cheekily asked him if he would mind having a photo taken with us and he agreed, I know he is used to it, but it was a real honour for us. Just after we finished most of the other Mayors came over too and asked for a photo, for which he obliged. Before we left, we went and found Ben and his mum and introduced them to Pam, the Mayor of Fareham and left them chatting. We thanked all the staff on the way out and made our way home.

Having met the High Sheriff and the Lord Lieutenant recently has been a huge honour for both of us, that just leaves the Queen or Royal family. We are both so lucky to have met some wonderful residents and dignitaries whilst in our role as Mayor and Consort for which we are both truly humbled and honoured.

A huge debt of thanks goes to Neill and his team for his continued support. Anne also for her support, she manages to keep me in check, most of the time, also my Council colleagues and Officers too. Without you all, we would not be able to function for which we both thank you most sincerely.

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Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council - 3rd November 2021

Councillor Alex Rennie

Leader

Corporate Performance

Updates for the Quarter 2 performance report are currently being gathered, reviewed and collated. This will be tabled via Executive Board and then Cabinet Briefing during November, along with the Period 6 Finance Report. This report will comprehensively update on key organisational indicators and progress against the Corporate Action Plan. Once this has been reviewed and approved, it will be published on our website.

Looking forward, a new performance framework is being developed as part of the Shaping our Future Programme, based around Balanced Scorecard. This will be accounting for emerging developments in terms of strategic priorities.

Corporate Strategy

Cabinet has taken part in several sessions facilitated by the LGA aimed at developing our political priorities. The aim is for a refreshed Corporate Strategy to be brought forward, taking these into account, in the coming months.

Communications and Marketing

General promotion has included:

- Rebel Business School promotion
- Kitesurfing Armada promotion
- Promotion of the Fat Face Foundation moving into the Meridian Centre
- Promotion of the Climate Change and Environment Strategy including developing a video with Cllr Rennie
- Publicity about the importance of allotments
- Working with the Local Government Association to promote Havant's approach to nutrient neutrality at COP26

HBC Website and social media update

Website information

In the second quarter of the year:

- The council website had more than 155,000 visits
- The council website had more than 285,000 pageviews
- Planning applications and bin collections was the most viewed service areas

- The website was mainly viewed from Havant, Waterlooville and Portsmouth
- 'Bin collections' was the most searched for term on the council website

The website has been in huge demand as residents and businesses look for the latest coronavirus updates (testing and vaccine information), the new climate strategy and what the council is doing to support Afghan evacuees.

Website improvements

Hireful

A new recruitment tool has been launched on the website making applying for vacancies even easier. The tool is called Hireful and can be found on our website here - <https://www.havant.gov.uk/jobs-us-apply-now>. We are also promoting Norse vacancies to help them recruit new drivers.

Browsealoud upgrade

The browsealoud tool on the website has been rebranded as 'reach deck'. The tool is an accessibility support tool for users who need help when using our website. The tool is capable of reading content out aloud or in a different language. It can be found on every page of the website by clicking the orange button in the top right corner. As part of the rebrand, the dashboard has been changed to make the tool even easier to use.

Accessibility update

New accessibility regulations came into force in September 2020 which ensures the website can be used by as many people as possible. The last accessibility test was on Monday 27 September 2021. The test was carried out by Site Improve who gave this website an accessibility score of 98.1/100.

Social media

In September we launched our Tiktok account and posted our first video which featured Cllr Rennie out on a bin round with one of the NSE bin crews. As schools have returned, we have been highlighting messaging regarding vaccinations and availability of this for the younger age groups. We have also been promoting the upcoming Rebel Business School which is coming back to the borough in mid-October.

Facebook

91 new likes meaning we are now on 5,735. Our top post was relating to the national HGV shortage and the impact this is having on garden waste collections. The post had a reach of 13,051 and 177 likes, comments, or shares.

Twitter

29 new followers meaning we are now on 3,898.

Instagram

40 new likes meaning we are now on 1,124.

LinkedIn

75 new likes meaning we are now on 1,232.

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Cabinet Lead Reports

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Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council November 2021

Councillor Narinder Bains

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Lead for Community Safety and Organisational Development

Community Safety

There has been a recent focus on fly tipping in the Borough with the team paying particular attention to known hotspots to deter offences. Specifically, the team has seen an increase in the dumping of mattresses and green waste and work is being undertaken to raise awareness of the routes available to lawfully dispose of these through local recycling centres and indeed through the Councils services.

Officers are also raising awareness of the penalties for fly tipping and failing in an individual's duty of care to ensure that all waste is disposed of legitimately. A £400 fixed penalty notice was recently issued by our team and subsequently paid which was for an offence of dumping household waste from the boot of a car.

There are currently some 20 tree work applications being progressed and 11 planning applications that also involve tree work.

Health and Safety (H&S)

No issues, risks or concerns to report.

Annual review of DSE assessments has taken place and all forms reviewed by the H&S team.

Further review of office space has been undertaken in consultation with both Councils Safety Champions and Roadmap updated to reflect changes. Team meetings taking place with social distancing reduced to 1 metre to allow increased room occupancy, working between office recommenced and those wishing to drop into the office can now do so without prior notification, all other control measures remain e.g. mandatory face coverings.

Contractors, monitoring continues ensuring that compliance is taking place in line with the HSAWA.

Monitoring from a health and safety perspective continues of our contractor Norse for health and safety aspects, ensuring documentation is in place and monitoring is taking place.

The Joint Health and Safety Committee meeting is taking place in October 2021, minutes will be available on Skoop+.

The Councils Out of Hours service at EHDC and HBC, continues to offer support, advice and guidance to member of the public and partners when the offices are closed.

Business Continuity (BCP)

No issues, risks or concerns to report.

New Corporate and Service plans templates are being implemented to shore up business continuity arrangements further.

Potential for cyber security threat has increased. A review is underway to consider how this risk is best managed to ensure the resilience of IT systems and the continuity of service delivery.

Emergency Planning

Annual training programme has taken place for the Emergency Control Centre staff. New roles and arrangements have been introduced within the (ECC) across the County to streamline and simplify the approach.

Annual exercise to test ECC staffing to take place during November.

We are continually monitoring the weather situation and where required passing on information as and when required.

We are reviewing the Adverse Weather Plan in conjunction with several other teams. Primarily relating to snow and the impacts on services, like waste, streets and grounds. Flooding guidance booklets have been reviewed and updated.

Strategic HR and OD

The Strategic HR and OD team are working on a number of projects to support the council strategy:

Transformation – Shaping Our Future

We continue to support the strategic project board and project team with the HR and OD aspects of this programme. The “OD tools” for heads of service to use alongside the service delivery models being developed by the team supported by external consultants. We are currently working on the development of a performance scorecard in conjunction with Matt Goodwin

and the software suppliers. Work is underway on the Spans and Layers project commissioned from the LGA.

Future Working

The trial went live on 19th July and has been extended to allow the use of the collaboration spaces to also be trialled. The team are now involved in preparing to review the staff survey results for the on-going trial and reviewing the results in order to judge effectiveness.

Employee Wellbeing

Employee wellbeing and mental health continues to be prioritised and supported by the Wellbeing and inclusion group and the regular publication of Wellbeing Wins.

Learning and Development

The e-Learning system has been relaunched and staff and councillors reminded of the mandatory courses and timescales for completion.

Development DIY is published every two months with ideas and support for self-development. The digital L&D passport is in its' final stages of development and will be launched Q4 2021/22.

Performance Management

Implementation of a revised approach to performance management has been developed by the HR advisory team, following approval by Executive Board. Implementation is now supported by the in-house team who are presenting a number of focused "bite-size" sessions both live and on-line. This supports the PDR and talent modules within the existing My View software package.

Recruitment

The team have worked with the supplier and the system 'hireful' is now being trialled with a small number of live vacancies. It will be launched for use across the councils in November. The onboarding module is also now being tested and will allow the full automation of the end to end process. This will include the issue of references and contracts directly from the system.

Equality and Inclusion

The team are supporting the Councils' lead officer to ensure we have a robust workforce plan in place to dovetail with the overall strategy.

Environmental Health

Environmental Health are continuing to work towards addressing backlogs of work accumulated during the pandemic, with a particular focus on food hygiene inspections. At the same time we are keeping a close eye on COVID 19 data and remaining prepared to act in the event of restrictions for businesses being brought back in, just in case we need to support the businesses in our borough to comply.

Electoral Services

We are still fully occupied with the annual canvass, being run under the new Canvass Reform introduced last year. We are about to start the hand delivery of the 2nd reminders. Currently out of just over 13,000 properties from which we required a response, there are around 4200 that have still to respond. We will attempt to telephone occupiers as the final step after door knocking.

We are also issuing Invitations to Register to any new occupiers we have been made aware of during the canvas.

Insight

The team are providing engagement support and expertise for the Hayling Island Regeneration Strategy and Programme, this is a multi-method approach with multiple stakeholders.

We continue to provide economic dashboard updates to the Business and Economy Recovery group on key data and statistics to inform local economic outlook and decision-making.

Plaza Reception

Virtual meetings in reception are working well allowing customers face to face contact (via Teams) with officers irrespective of where officers are working from. We are seeing the shift in customer behaviour as a result of the pandemic continue with far fewer customers (September 2019 – 1,944 – September 2021 – 219) wanting the face to face contact and choosing other methods of contact instead.

Legal and Democratic Services

Further to our latest round of recruitment, this month we've had start with us a new property solicitor; second property solicitor due to start next month.

We are now looking to recruit a trainee solicitor as a replacement for our previous trainee who qualified earlier in the year.

We continue to hold quarterly meetings with other services with a view to maintaining service delivery

Recruitment is currently ongoing for a Democratic Services Officer, which we hope to be filled before next council meeting. We also welcome Emma Carlyle to the team who has joined us on secondment from the Executive Support Team.

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Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 3rd November 2021

Councillor Clare Satchwell

Cabinet Lead for Planning, Hayling Seafront Strategy and Coastal Management

Development Management

Covid-19

Case officers continue to routinely work from home with limited members of staff attending the Plaza when they are not in a position to work from home or where collaborative working is required. Site visits continue to be carried out with appropriate risk assessments in place.

At the same time, *The Planner* publication has reported that nationally, planning application submissions in September 2021 were 1% higher than in August 2021 but also 1% lower than in September 2020 (when submissions were at unprecedented levels). It is not yet clear whether this will begin to herald a return to pre-Covid submissions.

Despite these challenges, the team have been able to maintain a high level of performance, with over 90% of applications as a whole determined within agreed deadlines during July and August 2021.

Casework

A large number of significant planning applications remain under consideration by the team, including a number of cases where technical issues and/or S106 negotiations are prolonging the time being taken to reach a decision. These include Wellington Way redevelopment, Waterlooville (264 apartments and multi-storey car park); new 81 bed hotel at Larchwood Avenue, Bedhampton; Padnell Grange, Cowplain (86 dwellings); Camp Down, Purbrook (hybrid application for up to 780 dwellings, community/nursery facility, retail unit and public open space); land west of Coldharbour Farm Road, Emsworth (44 dwellings); former SSE site, Bartons Road, Havant (191 apartments and 2 drive-thru restaurants); land west of B&Q, Purbrook Way, Havant (new Lidl foodstore); land west of Hulbert Road, Havant (100 dwellings) and Brockhampton West (up to 29,000sqm employment units).

In addition to these, there have been recent major applications registered with the Authority which include Cabbagefield Row, Leigh Park (150 dwellings); Land north of Long Copse Lane, Emsworth (210 dwellings); Land east of St George's Avenue, Havant (194 dwellings); Southmere Field, Havant (65 dwellings); and Land west of Havant Crematorium, Havant (reserved matters application for 70 dwellings).

Planning Committee

Applications for Mill Rythe Holiday Village, Hayling Island (new holiday accommodation); and 32 New Lane, Havant (redevelopment of Pfizer site with new distribution warehouse facility) were considered by the Committee at its meeting on 9th September, at which time resolutions were secured to grant permission subject to the necessary S106 Agreements being completed.

The applications in respect of the Havant Thicket Reservoir, considered by Committee on 3rd June, have now seen their related S106 Agreement completed and planning permission was granted on 15th October.

With regards to the refusal of permission for Land at Lower Road (50 dwellings), one of the Submission Local Plan's proposed housing sites, following a public inquiry held between 2-5 February, as part of the appeal lodged by Bargate Homes, the Inspector's decision was received on 13th July 2021. In engaging the 'tilted balance' set out in the National Planning Policy Framework the Inspector concluded that the adverse impacts of granting planning permission in this instance would not significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits when assessed against the policies in the Framework taken as a whole. The appeal was therefore allowed.

Planning Policy

On 19th October at the national CIEEM awards in London, [Havant Borough Council](#) – with [Natural England](#) and the [Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust](#) won two prestigious awards recognising the ecological and environmental credentials of a nutrient mitigation scheme in the borough.

Winning prizes for innovation and a thought-provoking article, which included case studies from Havant Borough Council and Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, entitled "Solent Nutrients: An opportunity to build back better?", the ground-breaking work to stop new developments adding unwanted nutrients to the Solent coastline has achieved the national recognition that it deserves.

Planning Enforcement

The team currently have 180 cases open with some twenty new cases per month coming in. Within that workload there are a number of high-profile cases which involve planning appeals which are placing a demand on the team.

Hayling Seafront Strategy

Cabinet agreed at their meeting on 8th September that the Borough Council

would engage on the agreed draft Ambition for Hayling Island Seafront. Work has been progressing over the last month on an engagement programme and this launched on 19th October. The programme will include an online survey and mapping tool, live exhibition days and the option to drop off written comments at the visitor centre in Beachlands or the Plaza. Comments will also be taken by email at regeneration@havant.gov.uk. Full details of the programme will be available on the website www.havewithhavant.co.uk. The engagement will close on Sunday 21st November.

This engagement helps to take us on an exciting step forward to progress our ambition to regenerate the Hayling Island Seafront.

Coastal Management

South Hayling Beach Management Activities (BMA) (2017-2022)

A successful beach recycling campaign was completed by Les Searle Group during September, with the bulk of the 15,000m³ of material extracted from Gunner Point and transported to the Eastoke frontage. Work was completed to budget and programme, returning beach levels to design standards in readiness for the winter.

Flood Protection – Winter Preparations

All floodboards are now installed along the Eastoke frontage for the winter period and will remain insitu until the Spring. The floodboards are regularly checked by CP Engineers and NorseSE during this time.

South Hayling Timber Coastal Structure Maintenance 21/22

Tender returns for the timber maintenance repairs to numerous structures along the South Hayling frontage have been received from three specialist coastal contractors. Further Councillor updates will follow once the evaluation process has been completed.

West Beach – Scoping and Regeneration

Monitoring continues to guide future actions. The current position of the beach crest lies within the estimated initial cutback risk zone area identified prior to the structure being removed. It is expected that, under average wave and weather conditions, the beach crest will continue to roll back into the 'rebound zone'. Scoping of potential alternative management approaches continues, working alongside HBC colleagues in the planning and regeneration team, to ensure alignment with the draft Seafront Ambition for Hayling Island.

Hayling Island Coastal Management Strategy

The project team have continued with the option appraisal stage. The draft leading coastal management options are in the process of being appraised and compared, having had further discussions during the draft leading option workshop on Tuesday 5th October.

Once the draft options have been confirmed, the project team will be preparing for public consultation on them over the winter months. It is likely there will be a roadmap approach set out in the final strategy with a hierarchy of options available for the various frontages around Hayling. i.e., the most affordable cost-effective option following the national FCERM guidance, the aspirational option taking into account the Borough's wider objectives and an adaptation option if deemed to be the most sustainable in the long term or should funding not be available for any of the other approaches. Which option gets taken forward out of the strategy will very much depend on funding

Langstone Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Scheme – Detailed Design

Collaborative work has continued with AECOM, the detailed design consultant. Following the procurement of a Ground Investigation (GI) contractor by AECOM, Coastal Partners appointed Structural Soils Ltd to undertake the GI works, which commenced 14th September 2021 under the management and supervision of AECOM with Coastal Partners and Wessex Archaeology providing a watching brief. AECOM have completed Phase One (Visual/Tactile Inspections) of the Structural Investigations (SI) of existing walls and buildings. Phase Two (Non-destructive Testing/Inspection), Ground Penetration Radar surveys are planned to commence 4th October 2021, with any Phase Three (Intrusive Investigation) survey requirements to be outlined following the completion of Phase Two.

The Project Team have been continuing with community and stakeholder engagement following the two community participation evenings held in July 2021. In response to the community feedback and following a review of the existing outline design, at a design review workshop held in August (with Coastal Partners, AECOM, and the ECI Contractor, Mackley); the alternative concept options along 3 key areas (Royal Oak, Ship Inn Car Park and the Ship Inn to Langstone High Street frontages) have been produced by AECOM. These alternative options will be priced by the Cost Consultant and reviewed by heritage stakeholders prior to a Project Team review to agree on a design freeze ahead of the Detailed Design progressing. Further communications are also being made with key stakeholders with reference to opportunities for community funding contributions.

Additional funding from the Water Environment Improvement Fund (WEIF) from the Environment Agency (EA) has been secured on top of the original

secured value for the Saltmarsh feasibility study. AECOM will commence this feasibility study in October 2021.

The programme remains for the detailed design stage to continue through to Spring 2022, at which time the project will be presented to Cabinet for approval of the detailed design and progression to the construction phase. Following approval, the planning and consenting stage of the project will commence, with construction anticipated to start in April/May 2023, after the lifting of the annual overwintering bird restrictions and discharge of all planning conditions.

Broadmarsh Coastal Park, Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Feasibility Study

The implementation stage of the project is now complete, bringing an end to the feasibility study. A project proposal report and presentation are currently being prepared with an EB briefing planned for 19th October. The briefing will set out the challenges and potential route forwards to the detailed design, licencing, and consenting phase via the HBC capital programme. Following this, an HBC Capital Funding bid is due to be submitted this month to progress the project.

Coastal Partners Geomatics Division

The Southeast Regional Coastal Monitoring Programme recommenced in early September involving topographic surveys using a wide variety of equipment depending on the location and terrain, including GPS backpacks, UAV flights or by quad bike.

The Surveyors also continue to carry out inspections of coastal defences and regularly support the Capital Team, HBC Civil Engineering and Landscape Team (CELT) by delivering topographic detailed highway surveys to aid designs for highway schemes, as well as undertake surveys for RegenCo and other Partners.

Coastal Environmental Initiatives.

The Coastal Environment team are actively working across a number of initiatives that aim to protect and improve the natural coastal environment within the Havant Borough, such as:

- **Hayling Island Coastal Management Strategy and linked initiatives:**
We are currently mapping out all the environmental initiatives that we are aware of and noting their objectives (i.e., Bird Aware Solent, RHCP, Solent nutrient mitigation projects, RSPB Shingle Shores (creation of bird roost islands), carbon sequestration and storage projects, Southern Water Harbour's summit, etc). The objectives and location of many of these initiatives overlap, and if joined up, could result in better outcomes for all –

by delivering something 'greater than the sum of its parts'. To achieve this, we are identifying opportunities to stack benefits that deliver multiple outcomes via a blended funding model. This mapping / joining up of initiatives is ongoing at this time. Coastal Partners were represented at the second Southern Water Summit meeting within September, linked to this.

- **Chichester Harbour Protection and Recovery of Nature (CHaPRoN):** This initiative has a vision of 'working together for the protection and recovery of nature', focussed on Chichester Harbour. Within September, Officers attended a meeting of this group and provided feedback on the live framework of actions and prioritisation of them (to create a harbour where nature and people thrive in harmony). A steering group is now being established to discuss in detail the habitat creation opportunities around the harbour and linking initiatives for action. This group is planning to have its first meeting within November, which Coastal Partners' Officers will be attending.
- **Regional Habitat Compensation Programme (RHCP):** With a number of opportunities for coastal habitat creation within the Havant Borough, the team have recently costed up proposals to undertake some high-level investigations to confirm viability and potential funding for habitat creation schemes, responding to some potential opportunities within our Borough, working with landowners. If approved, these investigations will run alongside the Hayling Island Strategy. Within September, the 2019/20 Annual Report for the RHCP was published on the Southern Coastal Group / SCOPAC website, here: <https://southerncoastalgroup-scopac.org.uk/rhcp/> Funding has recently been secured from the Environment Agency for a 2021 update report.

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 3rd November 2021

Councillor Gwen Robinson

Cabinet Lead for Housing, Communities and CIL

Housing

During quarter 2, 29 much needed dwellings have been delivered.

Saxon Corner, Emsworth – 16 Affordable rents and 2 Shared Ownership.
Brookvale, Bartons Road – 4 Affordable rents and 7 Shared Ownership

The number of applicants on the Hampshire Homes Choice Register, who are applying for housing, continues to remain high. All of the authorities, with the exception of Winchester, have seen an increase in the number of active applications. At present the Havant Borough has a total of 1580 applicants, an increase of 16.

For your information, I have provided a breakdown of bedroom need and ages of those on the register.

1 Bed – 723
2 Bed – 510
3 Bed – 291
4 + Bed – 56

By age
16 -17: 5
18 – 39: 926
40 -54 : 301
55 -59: 76
60 – 74: 212
75+: 60

Members may have noticed the tent outside of the plaza. To reassure you, this remains empty and is checked regularly by the Housing Team and Two Saints. The person who owns it is known to the team but refuses to engage or accept any assistance.

Homelessness

During the last quarter the housing Team have worked with and supported 219 households facing homelessness. In Q2, 143 households spent time in emergency/temporary accommodation with 60 of these being in B and B. At the end of the quarter, 43 remained in B and B, with 19 accommodated within the borough and 24 placed out of the borough.

Communities

Local Response centre (LRC)

The LRC continue to support residents.

Figures up to and including the 21st October show that, 95,765 people have been given their first dose of the vaccine and 89,503 had been given their second.

New Developments

Hayling - The first Sinah Lane liaison meeting was held with partners and residents to establish the working group and open the lines of communication to all involved. Sinah Lane will consist of 195 dwellings and a bird refuge site. Feedback from Cllrs and Officers has been very positive

Waterlooville – a Community Action Plan leaflet has been designed and distributed within the Waterlooville Major Development Area. Further meetings have taken place with several residents signing up to be part of the working group. Litter picking events took place on the development to engage with residents about the Plan as well as tackling litter issues.

Havant Community Lottery

There are 103 live registered Good Causes, 760 players are purchasing tickets and £146,025.60 has been raised since 2018.

Since Saturday 4th September there has been 26 cash winners, 1 x £250 winner and 25 x £25 winners.

The next prize draw takes place on Saturday 30th October, supporters could win £1,000 in John Lewis vouchers, plus up to £25,000 cash.

The Autumn 2021 Lottery Community Fund is now open for applications. This funding is generated from 10% of every Havant Community Lottery ticket sale, plus 50% from those choosing to support the Community Fund. Registered Good Causes can apply for grants of up to £1,500 to deliver new and exciting projects, services and activities to our residents living within the Havant Borough area. A panel will decide which Good Causes are awarded this grant funding.

Community Centres

The community centres have been visited and generally all is well. The communities all seem to be coming back to life and that has meant there has

been a lot of activity. There seems to be a lot of projects starting up that will be of help to our residents and the council is well represented in the planning of projects as they move forward.

There has been quite a bit of involvement with Springwood Community Centre in Stakes with a new Manager having taken up the role. There are good, new, and innovative ideas coming forward from the Manager.

The ongoing 1:1 befriending group being set up at Bedhampton Community Centre, is progressing and will soon be submitting a bid for funding.

The Acorn Centre at Wecock Farm has now received the majority of the funding it was requesting from Hampshire County Council for the Mens' Mental Health Group. It is also looking for more grants to support this work, as there is a substantial need in the area.

Network Meetings

There are two networks which are led by the Community Officer; one for Waterlooville and the other for Leigh Park, both of which have very good attendance.

The next meeting will be a joint Christmas meeting on 15th December both of which will be held virtually. Next year consideration will be given to whether to change to in-person meetings or stay online. A questionnaire was carried out to ask people how they wanted to go forward and there was an even split between 'stay online' and 'a hybrid of online and in-person'.

Kitesurfing Armada 2021

The event which took place over the weekend of the 10th - 12th September has been reported by the event organisers as a huge success. The fine weather enabled great action on the water and numbers on the beach were the highest the event has ever had, providing inspiration to local people to get active. The event had 3,200 attendees at its busiest point, with over 400 competitors and 360 campers on site. The organisers reported the new site for the event, which was centred on the Royal Car Park and Open Space, working better than the previous site for logistics, parking, location, space, trading, and access.

The premises licence was held by the Community Team for this year's event. This has now expired and will be the event organiser's responsibility for future years. There were no complaints from residents who lived in close proximity to the event site regarding noise or disturbance.

Officers from Community, Environmental Health, Licencing, Parking, Estates, Neighbourhood and Traffic have held a wash up meeting with event organisers to highlight successes and areas for improvements in future years.

Community Projects

A new opportunity to work in partnership with Vivid Housing on a potential project 'Grow it, Cook it, Eat it' has recently been discussed. This is very much in its infancy but it could be really exciting and very worthwhile to the residents.

The Leigh Park based foodbank, PO9, has now opened a 'Space' in an empty shop unit and is offering all sorts of events and drop-ins. Currently it is requesting more donations to the food bank and it is trying to get support for this.

Hayling Island Bowls Club Artificial Surface Project

The main build phase of the project has been completed, officers managed this process throughout. The project is still awaiting the installation of the floodlights as there have been delays to these works owing to supply issues. The club is currently using the new bowls green facility under an agreement with Havant Borough Council and has already informed officers that the club membership has increased and more people are playing bowls as a result. This was an overall aim of the project. Officers will continue to support the club in further growing its membership.

The floodlights are set to be installed on 11th November and an opening event is being held at the club on the 23rd October.

Emsworth Recreation Ground Play Refurbishment

The project to refurbish and replace the existing play equipment, in partnership with Verity's Gift has, unfortunately, been delayed owing to issues and material shortages at the manufacture stage. Officers have liaised with the contractor to ease concerns felt across the community and at an officer level. The contractor has indicated that they will start work on site in November.

Play Investment 2021 – 2022

Officers have placed orders for this year's play investment works to replace play items that have reached the end of their usable life and are no longer economically viable to maintain.

Works will be completed prior to April 2022 and before any work takes place Ward Councillors will be informed of work taking place within their ward.

Officers have also instructed an independent consultant to undertake an audit on all owned play areas. A report will be written from the findings of the audit and will become a strategic document that officers will use to prioritise investment in play within Havant.

Hayling Island New Skatepark Provision

Officers continue to support the Hayling Skate Park user group in their aspirations for new provision at the existing West Beach location. Sport and Leisure officers have already secured £55,198.50 of Section 106 money for new provision at the site. The group have also been successful in securing Circa £45,000 of community funding.

Officers have also recently secured £75,000 from The Veolia Environmental Trust towards the project. This is the top level of funding that this funder offers and leaves a very small short fall in the £200,000 project.

In the meantime officers have begun to draft a specification for tender and are working with other teams internally to ensure timeframes for the project are met. The next stage is to go to tender to identify a design and build contractor.

Waterlooville Recreation Ground Play area refurbishment

Officers continue to work with Waterlooville Action Group (WAG) to refurbish the play area at Waterlooville Recreation Ground. The project has been successful in raising further funds bringing the total raised to £87,500 towards the £90,000 total target. In addition, the WAG has been nominated in Tesco's community grant in which they are one of three community groups to be shortlisted to receive one of the three funding prizes. Officers have been working with the procurement team to produce all documentation required for the tender process. The tender closed at noon Monday 18th October. Officers now evaluate submissions and will appoint the successful contractor.

SPAA (Sport and physical activity alliance)

Officers successfully ran the first Havant SPAA meeting since pre-COVID. The online meeting via teams, saw 12 members from various organisations attend, including some new members. The meeting provided an opportunity for members to discuss their current focuses, objectives and challenges. This identified themes and similarities across organisations. The SPAA meeting provided a platform for members to work together to begin addressing the challenges highlighted in collaboration. Officers have produced a post meeting note which captured all themes and will provide a starting point for the agenda of the next meeting in the new year.

A New Direction

Officers are working in partnership with Horizon Leisure centre to deliver a 12-week programme designed to support women aged 35-54 in becoming confident in themselves and to improve their overall wellbeing. The programme is halfway through the 12-week course and has seen many of the 34 women attending weekly. Officers' efforts are focused on supporting Horizon and monitoring their delivery of this programme. Efforts will soon be focused on producing an effective form of feedback to provide an insight into

the impact the programme has had on individuals and methods to make it sustainable.

Emsworth Recreation Ground Pavilion Refurbishment

Officers continue to work with Emsworth Cricket Club and have appointed an architect to establish draft concept designs which suit the needs of the cricket club and align with technical guidance from national governing bodies. Officers are working with the Estates team to draft new heads of terms for a lease of the pavilion to the cricket club.

Get Up & Go

The physical activity programme for inactive residents aged over 55, as funded by Sport England, is running at full operation with 19 weekly sessions, either online or face-to-face in line with Covid safety guidelines. Several new activities have recently been launched including chair-based yoga, walking netball, and lawn bowling, all of which have engaged new residents and formed positive partnerships with organisations within the community. The successful lawn bowling delivery model is due to be replicated at Hayling Bowls Club following the completion of their refurbishment later in the year. Officer focus is currently on developing and implementing the beginning stages of a sustainable model in order to continue programme delivery beyond the currently funded period which comes to an end in April 2022. This has included an application to Hampshire County Council for £85,000 of funding from their Get Going Again fund, to support clinically vulnerable people.

Football Foundation - Local authority grass pitch programme

Officers have produced an expression of interest, to be submitted to the Football Foundation, for their local authority grass pitch programme pilot. The expression of interest outlines the Council's commitment to improving the quality of the borough's 23 grass football pitches by working together with stakeholders to devise a delivery plan. If successful in moving beyond the expression of interest, the development of a delivery plan will unlock the opportunity for substantial capital and revenue funds from the Football Foundation to be utilised towards the improvement of grass pitches and support the growth of local football clubs.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

CIL Spending Protocol

In July 2020, a review of the CIL Spending Protocol was authorised by the Cabinet. Since that time, officers have been preparing a revised protocol. This was considered at the Planning Policy Committee on 19 July 2021 and approved to progress to the Full Council.

Nonetheless, further consideration is being given to the approach to CIL Neighbourhood Portion spending, in particular to improvements which can be made to community infrastructure which is used widely every day, such as parks, play, community centres and public toilets.

A refreshed approach will be brought forward in due course.

CIL Recent Expenditure

Since the last Council Meeting we are pleased to confirm the following spends are either complete or in process of being completed (1/9/2021 to 12/10/2021):

Project Reference in Exacom	Name of Project	Date agreed at Council	Strategic CIL (S) or Neighbourhood CIL (N)	Amount of CIL spent (rounded)
191	Acorn Community Centre Extension (Project Delivery)	24/02/2021	N	£32,255

S106 Recent Expenditure

Similarly, we are pleased to confirm the following S106 spends are either complete or in process of being completed (1/9/2021 to 12/10/2021):

Project No in Exacom	Name of Project	Planning Application No and Name	Amount per application	Cabinet Date	Amount of Potential S106 spend (rounded)
163	Brent House Affordable Housing Scheme	APP/11/00343 (Raebarn House Car Park)	£36,566.90	1/07/2020	£252,700
		APP/13/00921	£105,226.92		

		(St Michaels Convent)			
		APP/14/00774 (Barncroft Infant School)	£14,919.47		
		APP/16/00379 (South of Ranelagh Rd)	£95,986.71		

Our public facing Exacom System provides up-to-date information on CIL income and expenditure and can be viewed via this link:

<https://pfm.exacom.co.uk/havant/>

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 3rd November 2021

Councillor Julie Thain-Smith

Cabinet Lead – Environment & Climate Change

1. Climate Change and Environment Strategy 2021 to 2026

The strategy was formally adopted at Full Council on 22 September 2021.

<https://cdn.havant.gov.uk/public/documents/Havant%20Borough%20Council%20Climate%20Change%20and%20Environment%20Strategy%202021-2026.pdf>

Adoption of the strategy provides the Council with a mandate to take action against the priorities identified in the strategy. An action plan is in development, and will be made public in the next few months. Another 'Climate Conversation' event is being planned for 25 November 2021. This event will provide Havant residents and other stakeholders with the opportunity to comment and shape initiatives against available resource.

2. Domestic retrofit for energy efficiency

Every installation of cavity wall insulation, loft insulation or more efficient heating systems represent a carbon saving as well as saving money. With the recent hiatus in energy markets following a hike in prices, this activity has become more important than ever.

There are three funding streams;

- a. The energy company obligation **ECO3 programme** continues.
- b. **Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Programme Phase 1 (GHG LAD 1)**. We anticipate that our share of benefits for Havant Borough Council residents will be in the region of £50K, to be reported in January 2022.
- c. Phase 2 (**GHG LAD 2**) is led by the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) Energy Hubs. The processes are being set up, and we look forward to delivering a marketing exercise to encourage eligible households to apply.

Subsequent funding under GHG LAD: The officer team anticipate funding for subsequent phases of GHG LAD to be focused on homes with energy performance certificates of D, E and F (the worst performing homes), and for households on incomes less than £35,000. The government target is to have all homes improved to energy performance certificate level C by 2030. Therefore, we are scoping a piece of work to analyse the housing stock and identifying a pipeline of eligible homes.

We also want to engage with the ‘able-to-pay’ market, to offer Havant residents compelling ways to play their part in tackling climate emissions by making their homes more energy efficient. The emerging communication strategy for the Climate Change and Environment Strategy will include this aspect.

3. Transport and Travel

3.1 Active Travel

Hampshire County Council is currently consulting on Havant’s Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

See <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/strategies/transportstrategies>

Information can also be found here <https://www.havant.gov.uk/cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan>

3.2 EV Charge Point Usage

Electric vehicle (EV) charge points were installed in three of our public car parks in 2018. The company that the council worked with to install these charge points has been sold to Engie EV. The GeniePoint branding remains the same, and the terms of the contract remain unchanged.

The following table provides data on the number of verified charges during the period April 2021 to the end of September 2021.

Location	Number of verified charge events	Average £ fee paid by the driver
Leigh Park	398	6.82
Waterlooville	293	5.36
Emsworth	431	6.44
	1122	

<https://www.havant.gov.uk/electric-vehicle-charge-points>

4. Havant Big Green Week

Well done and thanks to everyone in our community who organised events during the Havant Big Green Week from 18-26 September 2021, including our Mayor Cllr Raines.

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 3 November 2021

Councillor Lulu Bowerman

Cabinet Lead Capita and Commercial Contracts

Capita

There are still some challenges for Customer Services performance with regards to telephone call response times. This has been due to the on-going issues with waste collections. However, this position is expected to improve now that services are more stable and getting back to normal levels. Communications between Norse, HBC and the Capita Contact Centre remain strong, which is really helping to ensure customers are kept informed and any communication issues are resolved quickly.

Development work is continuing on a means to support linkages between systems used by Capita and Norse to improve operational reporting and facilitate the use of the Bartec “in cab” technology in the future.

The Revenues and Benefits lines have also fallen slightly short of target response times, due to spikes in calls arising from council tax recovery actions and court action since the end of Covid lockdowns.

With regard to IT Services, there is active engagement with Capita to support developments within the Shaping our Future Project.

Commercial Contracts

Environmental Services

Waste services

The waste collection services have made a good recovery from the problems experienced earlier in the summer. From today (18th October) Havant Garden Waste service has caught up and is now operating on the scheduled collection day.

New Garden Waste service applicants are being placed on a waiting list for the time being until another round becomes viable and practicable.

Norse are introducing a digital in-cab system for communicating collection round details and live information on progress with the customer services team. The new system is being introduced in October and November and will

improve the ability to communicate with customers about problems and their solution.

Officers are discussing a proposal by Norse to improve the storage capacity and environmental impact of the Glass Recycling Banks.

Glass Collection Sites

Due to difficulties with the collection of glass during the summer, work has been carried out to review this service. Health and safety issues have been identified and inefficiencies due to the size of the containers currently used and their locations. The use of covered skips will be introduced and new and existing locations finalised so a full update will be included in the next report

Play Parks

Regular meetings have now been established with officers from the Communities Team who look after the 46 playparks in the borough and members of Norse to agree work programmes for maintenance and replacement and improvement of equipment.

Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleaning

Grass cutting will finish at the end of this month. Norse will have achieved 5-6 cuts throughout the Borough this season. Progress has been slower than usual this year due to the exceptional growing conditions we have experienced throughout the summer months.

Street cleaning service have been continuing as normal with no service issues to report.

We are working with Chevron, Norse South East and Highways England to programme in a litter pick and sweep for the A27. This is looking likely to take place in November, we will confirm dates once they have been finalised.

Hayling Seafront

We have recently written to Beach Hut licensees in the section West of the Inn on the Beach that is exposed to the risk of further damage from winter storms and also those with huts temporarily re-located to the East of the Inn on the Beach to assure them that the council is continuing the work of identifying more suitable locations for their huts.

The additional seasonal resources that were in place for toilet cleaning and litter bin emptying have now come to an end and the Beachlands team have reverted back to their off-peak numbers.

Season '21 wash up is currently underway and we will use successes and failures from the '21 season to look at planning for season '22.

Project Integra

There have recently been developments with regards to Project Integra and an update to the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS). This was reviewed by officers and considered and approved by Cabinet on 20 October.

The disposal of waste collected by HBC/Norse is carried out by Hampshire County Council and Veolia with a management committee called Project Integra which is made up of the waste collection and disposal authorities in Hampshire and the waste specialist contractor, Veolia.

Project Integra was established in the mid-1990s to provide an integrated waste management service for 14 authorities such as HBC, EHDC, PCC, Fareham et al.

It is currently updating its municipal waste systems for the first time since 2012 which is very timely in view of the changes in people's attitudes and behaviours and emerging Government requirements and legislation, including those currently being proposed to be introduced by the Environment Bill which is currently being considered and commented on by Parliament.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/projectintegra>

Draft Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy PDF 315
KB

A further update and members briefing will be scheduled soon.

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Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 3rd November 2021

Councillor Tim Pike

Cabinet Lead for Finance, Regeneration and Estates

Finance

Finance Services covers all aspects of corporate services, including accountancy, procurement, accounts payable, accounts receivable, cashiering and insurance.

Regular quarter performance reports are reported to Members. These cover both the financial and performance positions in order to give a rounded position on service delivery.

The quarter 1 performance report monitoring report to Members highlighted a projected year end deficit of £0.199 million. However, it is hoped that management action will mean that by the end of the year the council will breakeven. The main financial issue is around income not fully recovering from the pandemic. The quarter 2 report will be taken to Cabinet on 17 November.

In between quarterly reports, monthly monitoring is undertaken to review the financial position and highlight areas of concern and to help identify mitigating actions. No major new areas have been identified since quarter 1.

Work is ongoing with all services as part of continual improvement of financial systems within the council.

We are preparing for the 2022/23 budget setting cycle and be working with the Cabinet on what looks like a challenging budget setting process. This process ties into the 'Shaping our Future' programme.

Estates

The number of void units across the Borough remains very low and plans are in place to fill those as soon as possible with the right tenants. An example of this is the work currently underway to invite expressions of interest for the Havant Park Lodge with a view to securing a business use which will invest in the building and add to the offer for the community who use the park.

Terms have been agreed for the lease of Havant Lorry Park. This will see an increase in the capital value of the site by approximately £¾ million as well as an increase in rental income of £35,000 pa.

A tenancy at will has been granted to Hayling Bowling Club to enable them to use their new bowls pitch whilst a longer-term agreement is put in place.

Various licences to alter have been granted including one to enable Asda to install a 'click and collect pod' within the store grounds.

Work is progressing well with local tree warden groups to enable tree planting to be combined with other natural defences in order to reduce traveller incursions on HBC property. The first site to be implemented will be Mengham Park and we are working with the Civil Engineering team to design and construct bunds to protect the trees whilst they are young and are planning to incorporate as much environmental enhancement as possible including the creation of wildflower areas.

A number of smaller agreements completed and successes this month including renewal of the licence for the Covid testing centre at the Plaza, agreement to assist with car park access to help a local pharmacist provide booster vaccines and licences for a range of community uses.

Last but by no means least, we are delighted that together with our Planning colleagues to have seen the success of the Warblington Farm nitrate mitigation scheme recognised at this week's CIEEM awards.

Regeneration

Following a Cabinet decision in early September, work is now well underway on the refresh of the Havant Regeneration Strategy. Regeneration remains an absolute priority and it will be critical that we have a robust and focussed strategy, which is supported by a clear delivery plan. The refreshed strategy will look to set out ways that we will work with partners to address the new challenges that have emerged since the current strategy was written - and also build on the opportunities that we have to build back better following the pandemic. We hope to be in a position to have the work ready in early 2022.

Meanwhile in Havant Town Centre, work is also underway to take forward three key projects, including work to explore options for the Plaza East site, Bulbeck car park and opportunities for a package of public realm and access enhancements.

For Hayling Island, an engagement programme on the ambition document has now launched and we are looking forward to hearing from local residents and a wide range of stakeholders. This is another important step in delivering our regeneration strategy for the borough.

We are also working with partners to develop plans to move forward the regeneration initiatives for both Waterlooville and Leigh Park and I expect to bring you more news about that shortly.

Work continues on developing all the various threads relating to strategic infrastructure; Havant Thicket reservoir tree clearance works have started on site and planning permission has now been issued following the completion of the S106 agreement. The project stakeholder groups continue to meet to co-ordinate activity. Work to improve active travel across the Borough continues,

including the Hayling Billy Trail and links with Transforming Cities Fund. Hampshire County Council's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan consultation concluded at the end of October. This will inform the LCWIP for the Borough to enhance walking and cycling opportunities. Meanwhile good progress is being made with a feasibility study on the mainland routes for the Hayling Billy Trail and bridge options. A consultation programme is being developed to get stakeholder views.

Economy

Havant Business Partnership

The first face to face Havant Business Partnership event since the pandemic took place on the 6th October at Langstone Park. The event focused on progress made in regenerating Havant including town centre transformation, the opportunities of the national Freeports Programme and strategic employment site development.

The new owners of Langstone Park discussed their plans for new investment and development of modern employment space at the business park along with a vision for future working and workplace well-being. The Department for Work and Pensions highlighted the success of the Government's Kickstart and the opportunity this scheme is providing to local businesses in addressing recruitment challenges locally.

The event was well attended by leading businesses across the Borough with around 50 people in attendance. The Economy Team are now following up on two key actions to develop 2 business focus groups to work with the Council during the autumn to shape the refresh of the regeneration strategy and ensure the borough maximises the benefits from the national Freeports programme.

The next full Havant Business Partnership event will take place early in the new year.

Rebel Business school

Rebel Business School returned to Havant between 18 & 22 Oct. The last time, in December, 29 residents attended the week-long online course and by the end of that week 46% had set up a business and 15% had made their first sale. Around 30 residents signed up for the latest course which is being delivered in partnership with East Hampshire DC, Waverley DC & New Forest DC.

<https://therebelschool.com/hampshire/>

Business support survey

To ensure the Economy Team is delivering a service appropriate to the businesses it serves, a simple survey has been circulated to around 2000

local businesses and will run for around a month. The results will help inform the councils small business support programmes moving forward. Emerging themes from recent business engagement relate to a need for support with digital skills, mental health support for employees and more opportunities to trade with local suppliers.

<https://havantbc.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=163342999592>

Jobs Fair

East Hampshire and Havant virtual jobs fair took place via Twitter on 4 Oct in partnership with DWP. During the hour-long event a variety of local vacancies were tweeted along with available support including self-employment advice and training opportunities. The event proved very popular with businesses and job seekers with tweets from the event appearing a total of 15,000 times.

Parking & Traffic Management

The Parking Service continues to carry out overnight patrols and enforcement. This activity is primarily focused along Hayling seafront but also covers known problem areas throughout the rest of the Borough. These patrols continue to be successful and effective in terms of addressing parking related issues outside of core business hours.

The work programme for the Traffic Management continues to progress well, with Traffic Regulation Order work all being on target.

HCC has agreed additional budget to refresh double yellow lines across the Borough that currently prevent the Civil Enforcement Team from enforcing due to them being too faded to issue Penalty Charge Notices.

Civil Engineering and Landscape Team

Warblington Footbridge Feasibility – HBC CIL Funded

This report will be discussed by Cabinet on 15th December.

Havant Park – HBC Revenue Funded

Works on Havant Park walls have now been completed. Issues with loose slabs on top of walls have been raised with NORSE to rectify.

Bushy Lease Cycle Route – HBC CIL Funded

Ecological surveys along the route have been completed which indicate that the originally proposed route across the 'horse field' owned by Portsmouth Council may have an impact on the local bat population which would probably prevent planning permission being awarded. We are therefore looking at a slightly different route to connect to Fitzwygram Way. We do not expect this change (which still requires a bridge crossing of the Hermitage stream) to delay the implementation of the project (starting next spring for 'phase 1' across the Ramsdale avenue open space, and 'phase 2' the following autumn after the bird nesting season).

Hobby Close, Waterlooville – drainage: CIL neighbourhood fund & WeBig Local

Portsmouth City Council have completed the active play area which was due to be opened to the public on 23rd October. The tender documentation for the CIL scheme is being drawn up and we still plan to be on site in spring next year and have advised the local community stakeholders accordingly. This does have the benefit that the Portsmouth works will be complete and their contractor well off site.

Scratchface Lane, Bedhampton recreation ground – unfunded

A land raising option to address significant seasonal drainage issues at this site is being finalised but due to ongoing concerns over the number and type of vehicles that will be needed to transport the fill material to the site, we now intend resubmit a planning application in the spring, based on a start later in 2022 so that the access and working impacts of the similar Hobby Close scheme (above) can be used as empirical evidence of the access arrangements.

Transforming Cities Fund – HCC / DfT Funded

The CELT team has been commissioned to assist HCC designing and implementing schemes along the east-west corridor through Havant town centre (walking and cycling improvements in Centenary Gardens and School Lane), along with bus stop improvements in Purbrook Way and Botley Drive. Preliminary design is now under way, with delivery on-site required by the end of March 2023. Purbrook Way and Botley Bus stops preliminary design is completed, and high-level costings and assessments are now being developed.

Elmleigh Road, Havant Off road cycle route – HBC CIL / HCC / DfT Funded

CELT has completed the preliminary design of this scheme and the scheme is now open to public consultation, closing date 2nd November. We have been commissioned to develop the detailed design for the scheme once the results of the public consultation have been received and processed. The proposals for consultation create an exemplar layout of segregated cycle track along Elmleigh Road from the east entrance of Havant College to the railway footbridge, with a 'first in Hampshire' upgrade of the Petersfield Road 'puffin' crossing to a 'Sparrow' crossing which places two independent signal controlled crossings, one for pedestrians and the other for cyclists, side by side to operate in parallel. Delivery on-site is planned for autumn / winter 2022/23.

Hayling Billy Trail waymarking – HCC Funded

Improved waymarking is to be introduced on the Trail. Hampshire County Council is funding this work, with CELT co-ordinating activity 'on the ground'. The first stage (new gates at North Hayling halt) has been completed with the new signage to be erected in the autumn.

Jubilee Park, north drainage – HBC funded

Works are complete for phase 1 of this scheme to improve drainage around the pre-school building, to alleviate flood risk to property. Phase 2 of the works, a swale, are currently being programmed to be delivered this autumn.

Emsworth Town Centre Accessibility - HCC Funded

Emsworth Town Centre Accessibility comprises 3 schemes: 1. Havant Road (Improving accessibility for cyclists), 2. Bridge Road (Improving accessibility for pedestrians) and 3. Victoria Road (Safer routes to school). Topographical surveys for all schemes have now been received and detailed design is ongoing. It is expected the first scheme (Havant Road cycle lanes) will be implemented before the end of the current financial year.

Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) – HCC Funded

This is currently out for public consultation until the end of October. Various teams in the Council, including CELT, contributed to the document.

Milton Road Bus layby and Eletttra Avenue HBC CIL Funded

Design is nearly complete but continues to be held up by one element of the scheme (the lay-by specification). We have now been provided with an example by Atkins (HCC's consultants) which we will use as the basis for our submission, but this may require adjustment in light of HCC advice once seen.

Hambledon Road – HBC CIL & WCC Funded

Pedestrian counts have now confirmed that the current design meets the guidelines set out in LTN1/20. We are waiting for the formal response to our proposals from HCC Safety Audit, after which we can submit to Asset Management for materials approval and thence to construction.

Havant Rugby Football Club – HBC CIL Funded

Tender documents being prepared and expected to be issued by end of October 2021. Aim to be on site/completed by the year end.

Hooks Row, Leigh Park Shared Path – HBC CIL Funded

Scheme near completion with small outstanding works required including signage and lining, awaiting HCC approval as within highway.

Havant Park Feasibility Project – HBC CIL Funded

CIL funded project to draw up a master plan incorporating all the future aspirations for Havant Park. The plan will illustrate what the park will look like in 20 years' time and show how the regeneration of the town centre and surrounding infrastructure will integrate into the park and enhance with the town centre. The draft feasibility study has now been completed and circulated with relevant stake holders. We are now awaiting responses to feedback into the report before taking it to cabinet.

Harts Farm Way, Havant closure of layby HCC Funded

Construction work is now complete.

Future Role of Hayling Route, Billy Trail

We continue to develop ideas and have contacted various stakeholders regarding the scheme. The results of the Study will be delivered by splitting the Billy Trail into geographic sections with different solutions for the various sections. CELT officers are in discussion with Coastal Partners team

colleagues regarding an online version summarising the works for public consultation. The Study will need to deliver its findings in close conjunction with the outputs from other parallel and overlapping studies, these being the Hayling Island Coastal Strategy and the work by the Regeneration Team into use of the Trail as a route for Connected Autonomous Vehicles. An initial draft has been forwarded to various other teams including Coastal Partners and the Council's Climate and Environment Officer so that the carbon impact of the proposals can be recognised. Bearing in mind the need for this co-ordination, it is expected that a draft of the study will be available in the autumn, but the full study not finalised until spring 2022.

Northney, Surface Water Drainage – HBC funded
Preliminary Ecology Assessment has been undertaken. These surveys will help inform the most appropriate approaches, opportunities, possibilities and possible funding streams to be considered. We expect the final report to be available for comment later this winter with a view to start bringing forward plans for this area in Spring, Summer.

Emsworth, The Promenade - HBC Funded
The final Consultant's report has been delivered. The report has identified potential further works including initial repair works to be undertaken. The consultant has been asked to separate further works which are necessary and further intrusive surveys so a 5-year programme can be developed and to understand possible funding commitments to deliver these essential works, this work is currently being commissioned.

Hayling Island Access Improvements Phase 2 – HCC Funded
Construction commenced on site on the 2nd of August 2021 on Footpaths 89 and Footpath 102. The works on Hayling Park started on 18 August 2021 and are now substantially complete, awaiting SSE to complete their works by the end of October 2021.

Bus Shelter replacements - HBC Funded
All bus shelters due for replacement have been replaced.

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HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL COUNCIL 03 NOVEMBER 2021

Item 15 – Notices of Motion Under Standing Order 14

Proposed by Cllr Alex Rennie
Seconded by Cllr Beryl

This Council mourns the loss of Sir David Amess MP, who was killed performing his constituency duties on 15 October 2021.

This Council recalls the tragic loss of Jo Cox MP in 2016 and the attack on Stephen Timms MP in 2010. The death of Sir David represents the third such attack on a British parliamentarian in a little over a decade and this Council condemns all such attacks as attacks directly on our democracy.

This Council believes in the power of democratic politics to make a positive difference to people's lives and recognises that politicians of all parties, at all tiers of Government, are overwhelmingly dedicated, decent people discharging their democratic duties as best they can.

This Council asks that the Council Leader conveys our condolences on the loss of Sir David to the Speaker of the House of Commons and writes to the Leaders of all political parties in Westminster to support measures that would see politicians and Councillors at all tiers of government kept safe and secure so that they continue working hard on behalf of their constituents.

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