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14 November 2023

SUMMONS

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend the following meeting:

Meeting: Council
Date: Wednesday 22 November 2023
Time: 5.30 pm
Venue: Hurstwood Room, Public Service Plaza, Civic Centre Road, Havant, Hampshire PO9 2AX

The business to be transacted is set out below:

Steve Jordan
Chief Executive

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Chairman: Councillor Raines (Mayor)

Councillors Rason, Blades, Briggs, Gray, Gray, Coates, Brent, Harris, Patrick, Bowdell, Bowerman, Crellin, Denton, Diamond, Fairhurst, Guest, Keast, Kennett, Linger, Lloyd, Milne, Moutray, Munday, Patel, Payter, Rennie, Redsull, Richardson, Robinson, Scannell, Sceal, Mrs Shimbart, Stone, Tindall, Turner, Wade (Deputy Mayor) and Weeks

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AGENDA

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6	Cabinet/Board/Committee Recommendations	
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- (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

11 Questions Under Standing Order 27.4.1

To receive questions from Councillors in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 27.4.1.

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To receive urgent questions from Councillors submitted in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 27.4.2.

13 Notice of Motions under Standing Order 14.1

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To deal with any motions from Councillors received by 12 noon, at least six clear working days before the meeting in accordance with standing order 14.1.

1. Making Space – [Cabinet - 08 November 2023](#)

RESOLVED that Cabinet recommends to Council to:

- a. Decline funding for Making Space but reiterate the offer to support the organisation with assistance in kind.
 - b. Recommend to Making Space that they bid for funding direct from the South Western Railways funding for local communities, and other funding bodies. Reiterate the offer to support the organisation with assistance in kind, including supporting the application process if necessary.
2. Net Zero Homes
3. Support for Community Pharmacies

14 Special Urgency Decisions

In accordance with Standing Order 63.3, Council are provided with details of any decision taken as a matter of urgency.

15 Acceptance of Minutes

The Council to receive the minutes of Committees held since the last meeting of Council.

1. [Planning Committee on Thursday, 21st September 2023](#)
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4. [Licensing Committee on Thursday, 19th October 2023](#)
5. [Audit and Finance Committee on Monday, 30th October 2023](#)

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The Monitoring Officer may rule out of order any address that:

- a is vexatious, derogatory, defamatory, frivolous or offensive;
- b concerns a Council employment or staffing matter or sensitive personal information about a Councillor;
- c is unrelated to functions of the Committee; or
- d has been previously considered in the last 6 months.

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- 1 a direct oral answer;
- 2 where the desired information is contained in a publication of the Council or other published work, a reference to that publication; or
- 3 where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated later to the questioner.

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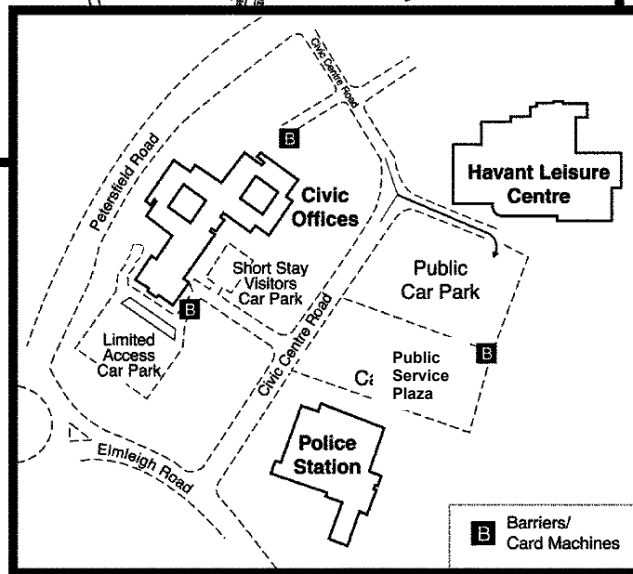
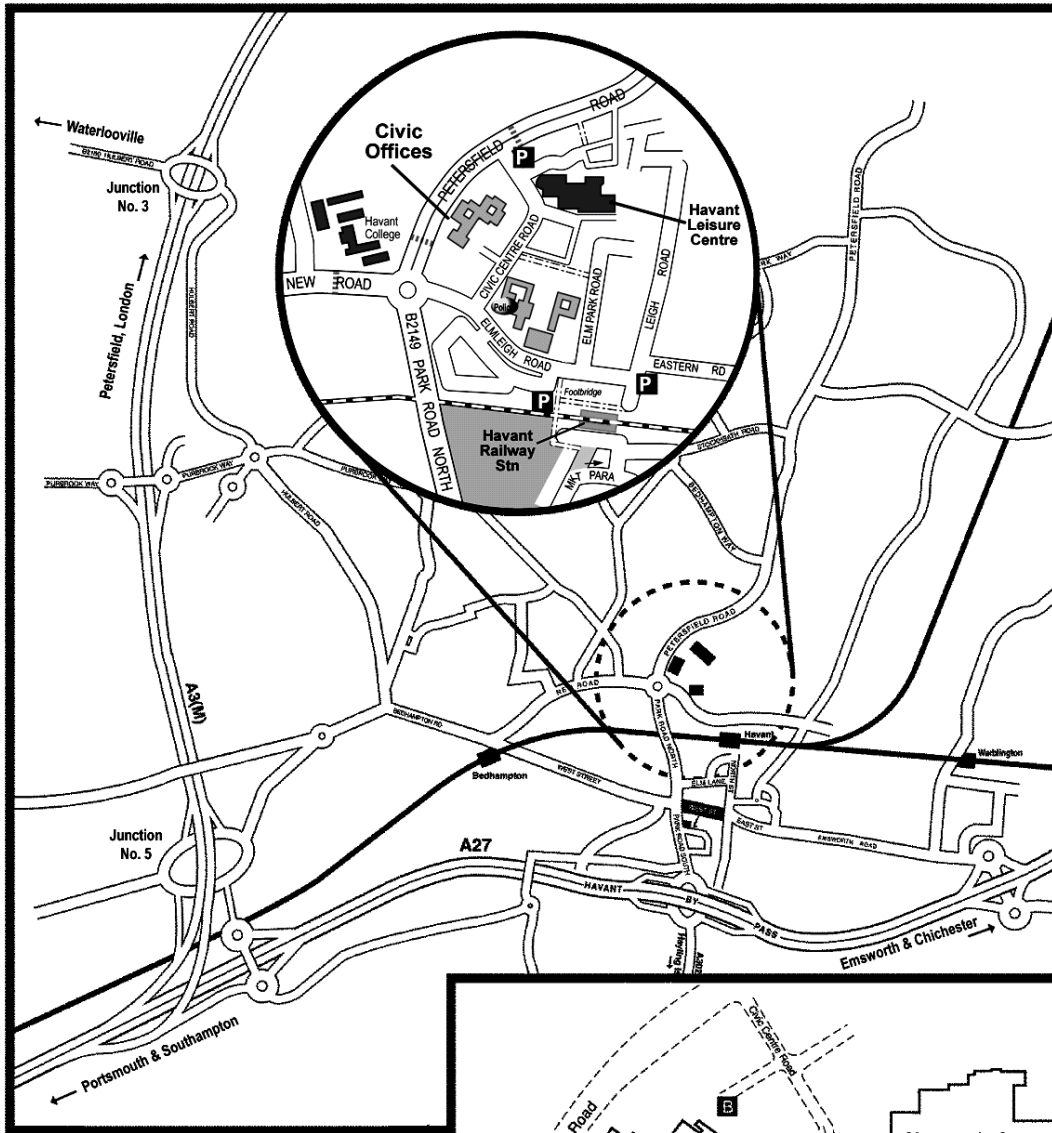
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Rules of Debate

- always address each other as “Councillor ...”
- a motion or amendment has to be proposed and seconded
- once an amendment has been proposed and seconded, it becomes the subject of the debate until it is either accepted or rejected by a vote
- a seconder can choose to make their speech at a later time
- only one Councillor to stand at any one time
- speeches will not exceed 5 minutes (the Council can resolve to allow additional time, which will not exceed a further 3 minutes)
- a Councillor proposing the adoption of a Committee/Board minute has sufficient time to propose and unlimited time to reply to debate
- a Councillor can only speak again on an amendment, to move a further amendment, on a point of order or personal explanation.

Questions and Motions

- Motions must be submitted in writing (or by email) to the Democratic Services Manager 6 working days prior to the Council meeting
- Councillors may ask questions, without notice, of the Leader and Cabinet Leads in respect of the Cabinet Lead reports submitted to Council
- Councillors may ask questions of the Leader, Cabinet Leads and Committee Chairmen, on any matter affect the Borough or its residents, providing that:
 - 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 20 September 2023

Present

Councillor Raines (Mayor)

Councillors Rason, Blades, Briggs, Gray, Gray, Coates, Brent, Patrick, Bowdell, Bowerman, Crellin, Denton, Diamond, Fairhurst, Keast, Kennett, Linger, Lloyd, Milne, Patel, Rennie, Redsull, Robinson, Sceal, Mrs Shimbart, Stone, Turner and Wade (Deputy Mayor)

38 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Guest, Harris, Munday, Payter and Richardson, Tindall & Weeks.

39 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests from the members present relating to matters on the agenda.

40 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 26 July 2023 were approved as a correct record.

41 Mayor's Report

The Mayor had nothing further to add to her published report and there were no questions from members present.

42 Public Speaking under Standing Orders 27.5 & 28

There were no public questions or requests to address Council received in accordance with the requirements of these Standing Orders.

43 Cabinet/Board/Committee Recommendations

There were 5 Cabinet / Board / Committee recommendations for Council to consider at this meeting.

(1) Purchase of Temporary Accommodation

Councillor Robinson introduced the item and recommendations to Council arising from the meeting of Cabinet held on 06 September, seeking the agreement of full council to implement a temporary accommodation purchase programme and delegated authority which would result in the Council being able to work in a more agile and commercial manner to purchase temporary accommodation.

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson and seconded by Councillor Bowerman that the recommendations made by Cabinet be approved.

The members considered the options set out in the Cabinet report and following a vote, Council

RESOLVED to

- a) borrow through the Public Works Loan Board as is required to purchase property for use as temporary accommodation up to a limit of £2m.
- b) authorise the use of Section 106 Affordable Housing contributions to fund the purchase, adaptation and fit out, of property for use as temporary accommodation.
- c) amend the Capital Programme for any purchase of property for use as temporary accommodation.
- d) delegate authority, subject to a sound Financial Business Case, to the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Leader, Cabinet Lead for Housing and the Cabinet Lead for Finance, to purchase property that will be used to provide temporary accommodation.

(2) Local Authority Fund (1&2)

Councillor Rennie introduced this item and recommendations to Council arising from the meeting of Cabinet held on 06 September 2023, seeking approval to amend the Capital Programme and incur borrowing to meet the aims of the Local Authority Housing Fund programme and grant conditions.

It was proposed by Councillor Rennie and seconded by Councillor Sceal that the recommendations made by Cabinet be approved.

The members considered the options set out in the Cabinet report and following a vote, Council

RESOLVED to

- a) accept and approve the spend of the additional allocation of Local Authority Housing Fund grant funding in the sum of £3.5m bringing the total sum to £4.2m.
- b) delegate authority for accepting and spending future Local Authority Housing Fund grant allocations to the Executive Head of Regeneration and Economic Development, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and the Leader of the Council as Cabinet Member responsible for Regeneration.

- c) approve Public Works Loan Board borrowing up to £6m to provide match-funding for the Council's allocation of Local Authority Housing Fund grant subject to a satisfactory financial appraisal.
- d) delegate authority to the Section 151 Officer to amend the Council's Capital programme to reflect receipt of the additional Local Authority Housing Fund grant funding and the agreed Public Works Loan Board borrowing of up to £6m.
- e) delegate authority to the Section 151 Officer to amend the Council's Minimum Revenue Provision policy and agrees that borrowing for the purposes of acquiring residential property is expensed over a 50 year period.
- f) delegate authority to the Executive Head of Regeneration and Economic Development in consultation with the Leader of the Council to enter into a contract with a contractor to manage and maintain the Council's property portfolio purchased under this fund.
- g) delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer (or their delegate) to negotiate and agree all legal documents to give effect to the above recommendations.

(3) Review of Statement of Licensing Policy, Licensing Act 2003

Councillor Lloyd introduced this item and recommendations to Council arising from the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 16 August 2023, seeking approval of the reviewed Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003.

It was proposed by Councillor Lloyd and seconded by Councillor Shimbart that the submitted Statement of Licensing Policy be approved as recommended by the Licensing Committee.

The members considered the options set out in the Licensing Committee report and following a vote, Council

RESOLVED that the submitted Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003 be approved.

(4) Review of Statement of Principles, Gambling Act 2005

Councillor Lloyd introduced this item and recommendations to Council arising from the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 16 August 2023, seeking approval of the reviewed Statement of Principals under the Gambling Act 2005.

It was proposed by Councillor Lloyd and seconded by Councillor Shimbart that the submitted Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 Policy be approved as recommended by the Licensing Committee.

The members considered the options set out in the Licensing Committee report and following a vote, Council

RESOLVED that submitted Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 be approved.

(5) Review of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy

Councillor Lloyd introduced this item and proposed the recommendations to Council arising from the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 16 August 2023, seeking approval of the review of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy.

It was proposed by Councillor Lloyd and seconded by Councillor Shimbart that the submitted Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy be approved as recommended by the Licensing Committee.

The members considered the options set out in the Licensing Committee report and following a vote, Council

RESOLVED that submitted Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy be approved.

44 Leader's Report

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

The Mayor provided Councillors an opportunity to ask questions of the Leader on his report, which were duly responded to within the meeting.

45 Cabinet Lead Reports

In addition to her published report, Councillor Lloyd:

1. advised that the Council had been given the RSPCA Pawprint Stray Dog Services Silver Award;
2. informed members that concerns in relation to dangerous dog breeds were being dealt with locally by officers; and
3. highlighted the often difficult work that was being undertaken by our officers.

The Mayor provided Councillors an opportunity to ask questions of the Cabinet Leads on their reports, which were duly responded to within the meeting.

46 Questions Under Standing Order 27.4.1

There were 4 questions received from Councillors under the provision of this standing order, which were duly responded to within the meeting by the relevant Cabinet Leads.

A summary of the questions and responses is attached as an appendix to the minutes of this meeting.

47 Urgent Questions Under Standing Order 27.4.2

There were no urgent questions received from Councillors under the provision of this standing order.

48 Notice of Motions under Standing Order 14.1

Council considered 4 notices of motion.

(1) Making Space

Prior to consideration of this motion, the Mayor, in accordance with standing order 14.12, invited Council to decide, by way of a vote, whether it should refer this motion to Cabinet in view of the potential budget implications.

Following a vote, in which there were 5 against and 1 abstention, Council

RESOLVED that the motion relating to Making Space be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

(2) The Borough of Havant stands together with our friends in Ukraine

In accordance with standing order 14.9, the motion was withdrawn by the proposer of the motion, Councillor Rennie.

(3) Motion for the Ocean

The Council considered the published motion proposed by Councillor Lloyd and seconded by Councillor Fairhurst.

An amendment proposed by Councillor Rason and seconded by Councillor Paul Gray that pledges 1,3 & 6 be amended to read as follows:

- 1 ensure that the Climate and Environment Panel receives updates at least every six months on any actions and projects that will assist ocean recovery around the Borough including that the

Panel provides, as part of its updates to Cabinet, progress on the matter;

- 3 promote closer working between Havant Borough Council and local marine organisations by creating clear channels of communication so the Council is fully informed and updated on evidence of pollution and damage to the harbours and embed interventions in the Local Plan to support ocean recovery.
- 6 Create opportunities to grow ocean literacy and marine citizenship in Havant Brough with schools, local colleges and adults.

was lost following a debate and vote.

Following a debate and vote, Council approved the published motion.

Council therefore:

RESOLVED that Council pledges to

1. ensure that the Climate & Environment Panel receives regular updates on any actions and projects that will assist ocean recovery around the Borough, including that the Panel provides, as part of its updates to Cabinet, progress on the matter.
2. add ocean recovery to the work the Council is doing as part of its Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan.
3. promote closer working between the Havant Borough Council and local marine organisations and embed interventions in the Local Plan to support ocean recovery.
4. influence the Local Nature Recovery Strategy to support ocean recovery.
5. work with partners locally and nationally to deliver increased sustainability in marine industries and develop a sustainable and equitable “blue economy” that delivers ocean recovery and local prosperity.
6. where opportunity allows grow ocean literacy and marine citizenship in the Havant borough with our schools and local colleges.
7. write to the Government asking them to put the ocean into net recovery by 2030 by:
 - a) ensuring Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities and Natural England have the resources they need to effectively research and monitor our growing number of marine protected areas, and to set and enforce appropriate fishing levels that support local economies and deliver environmental sustainability.

- b) ensuring coastal communities have a meaningful say in the development of marine policy which can deliver equitable and sustainable outcomes.
- c) appoint a dedicated Minister for Coastal Communities.
- d) and by listening to marine scientific advice, including marine social science, to update the Marine Policy Statement and produce a national Ocean Recovery Strategy which will:
 - i. enable the recovery of marine ecosystems rather than managing degraded or altered habitats in their reduced state.
 - ii. consider levelling up marine conservation, energy, industrial growth, flood and coastal erosion risk management, climate adaptation and fisheries policy holistically rather than as competing interests.
 - iii. develop a smarter approach to managing the health of the entire ocean that moves beyond Marine Protected Areas and enables links to be made across sectors towards sustainability.
 - iv. establish improved processes for understanding the benefits of ocean recovery, leaving no doubt about the links between this and human lives, livelihoods, and wellbeing.
 - v. stop plastic pollution at source by strengthening the regulations around single-use plastics; set standards for microfibre-catching filters to ensure that all new domestic and commercial washing machines are fitted with a filter that captures a high percentage of microfibres produced in the wash cycle.

(4) Puppy Farming

The Council considered the published motion proposed by Councillor Paul Gray and seconded by Councillor Rason.

An amendment to the motion proposed by Councillor Rennie and seconded by Councillor Robinson that the published motion be amended to read:

- a) welcome the Government's continued efforts to eradicate the appalling practice of puppy farming and the announcement that it will prosecute individuals who sells puppies without a licence which could result in an unlimited fine or being sent to prison for up to six months.
- b) subject to advice from the Council's data protection officer, publish an up-to-date list of licensed dog breeders on its website and provide

contact details for the Animal Welfare Team so that licence details can be verified by customers if desired.

- c) undertake a publicity campaign, at no additional cost to the council, to raise awareness of illegal puppy breeding and signs to look for when buying a puppy that suggest it might come from a puppy farm, and how to report suspicious activity.
- d) instruct the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs reiterating the Council's support for the eradication of puppy farming.

was carried following a debate and vote.

(During the debate on the amendment, the meeting adjourned at 7.44 pm and resumed at 7.55 pm)

Council debated the substantive motion. During this debate, Councillor Rennie clarified for members that the term "licensed dog breeders" in the substantive motion referred to licensed dog breeders in the Borough.

Following a vote, the substantive motion was carried. It was therefore,

RESOLVED that Council:

- a) welcome the Government's continued efforts to eradicate the appalling practice of puppy farming and the announcement that it will prosecute individuals who sells puppies without a licence which could result in an unlimited fine or being sent to prison for up to six months;
- b) subject to advice from the Council's data protection officer, publish an up-to-date list of licensed dog breeders on its website and provide contact details for the Animal Welfare Team so that licence details can be verified by customers if desired;
- c) undertake a publicity campaign, at no additional cost to the council, to raise awareness of illegal puppy breeding and signs to look for when buying a puppy that suggest it might come from a puppy farm, and how to report suspicious activity; and
- d) instruct the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs reiterating the Council's support for the eradication of puppy farming.

49 Special Urgency Decisions / Special Urgency Quarterly Report

There were no special urgency decisions for consideration by Council for this meeting.

50 Acceptance of Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Sceal and seconded by Councillor Denton, it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Committees held since the last meeting of Council be received.

The meeting commenced at 5.30 pm and concluded at 8.03 pm

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Chairman

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Mayoral report for Full Council 22 November 2023

The Mayor's Facebook page currently has 755 likes and is followed by 952 people.

Tuesday 5th September – Grand Opening of Portsdown View Care Home

Both Graham and I attended the official opening of Portsdown View Care Home. We were both made to feel so welcome, the building was absolutely beautiful. Both Graham and I were very lucky to be able to talk to Mike, one of the residents who had only lived there three weeks and was very pleased with his care. It was a really lovely day.



Wednesday 6th September – Police Cadets' Attestation Ceremony

It was an honour to be invited to inspect the Police Cadets of Havant, Portsmouth and Petersfield, together with the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, Tom Cole and his wife Nikki, the Lady Mayoress, last night and also award the cadets their certificates. I felt very proud of all our cadets, well done guys, you are a real credit to the Borough.



Thursday 7th September – Mayor of Fareham’s Civic Dinner

We both had a lovely evening at the Fareham Mayor’s civic dinner in the Mayor’s Parlour. Thank you Fred and Lisa Burkett, it was a great night with great company!



Saturday 16th September – Havant Symphony Orchestra’s Popular Classics Concert

After a lovely week away in Spain, we were very lucky to be invited to the Havant Symphony Orchestra at the Hayling Community Centre. It was a joy to be there and for the first time EVER, I was lost for words when I was introduced to Thomas Luke, who won the prestigious BBC young musician award in 2020. He was simply amazing, at the young age of 19 he will go far, such talent.

Sunday 17th September – Multi Cultural Sunday Service

It was an honour to be invited to the Agape centre in Havant to a Multicultural Sunday service. Both Graham and I were made to feel so welcome by Paster David, his brother in law Michael Situ, Mayor of Southwick in London and a great sermon by

Canon Tom Kenner. It was akin to a wedding, lots of lovely people and loads of photos and stunning outfits.



Tuesday 19th September – Get Up and Go Flora and Fauna Walk

Both my husband and I had a lovely walk at Staunton park with another Graham, one of the volunteers. The coffee and cake at the stables were fantastic, well-done Andy at Park Community School, they were delicious, thank you!



Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane's Civic Afternoon

We both had an amazing time at the Vyne, a National Trust property in Basingstoke, more food and great company and a huge thank you to the Mayor and Mayoress of Basingstoke and Deane for inviting us, it was an amazing experience.

Friday 22nd September – Two Colours Ukrainian Choir Fundraising Gala Concert

The Ukrainian choirs joined together with Chichester and performed at the New Theatre Royal to raise funds for urgently needed medical equipment to send back home. It was a great event and I love my new T-shirt, thank you team, you all did a fantastic job!



Saturday 23rd September – New Forest Harley Owners Group Rally

To say we had a great time with the New Forest Harley team was an understatement, at the Lakeside Holiday Centre in Hayling Island. Graham tried on one of the top of the range crash helmets, I was so impressed with them. It was also great to see the “man down” team working with emergency teams to prevent motorcycle accidents. We were both invited back unofficially in the evening to judge the fancy dress. Thank you for inviting us, thanks also to Mark and Trevor for looking after us and making us both so welcome, we both had a blast.



Sunday 24th September – Hayling Light Railway Trust's Railway Gala

It was the Hayling Island light railway gala on Sunday to celebrate 20 years since it started up, as usual, I had a really lovely day, it was nice to meet up with Bob Haddock, the original owner and meet Kim too and her tiny rescue dog who was so sweet and loved everyone.



Saturday 30th September – Hayling Island Repair Café's 1st Birthday Celebrations

I can't believe that the Hayling repair cafe has been open a year already! It was lovely to see so many familiar faces and thank you Kim for looking after us and also to all the volunteers who help, Sue, Sarah, Brenda and Judy to mention a few, you are all stars and should be hugely proud of what you have all achieved. Well done team!



Sunday 1st October – Annual Seafarers Service

Today was the Seafarers service in Portsmouth, it was a lovely service and something close to both our hearts especially living by the sea and Graham being a lifelong RNLI member, truly memorable and the lovely weather too made it such a special day.



Monday 2nd October – Park Community School Year 11 GCSE Art and Photography Show

Both Graham and I were invited to see the artwork at the Spring in Havant last night from the last year 11's from Park Community School, it was amazing. We have some very talented young people living in our Borough, we are incredibly proud of you all.



Tuesday 3rd October – Crochet Poppy Event

Yesterday I was invited to the Residents Participation Centre in Havant. They were asked for a few Poppies for Park Community School, they all managed a massive 1000 poppies, well done team, you did an amazing job!



Thursday 5th October – Malmesbury Lawn Care Home 50th Anniversary Celebrations

So today we had the great pleasure of meeting the 7th Earl of Malmesbury, his father was the 6th Earl of Malmesbury and opened the amazing Malmesbury Lawn assisted living residence in Havant in 1973. The staff were fabulous, and all dressed up in 1970s costumes, even the maintenance team were dressed up too. Having worked there 20 years ago as a district nurse, the changes were incredible, it was

amazing to feel the passion and care for the residents. A brilliant time was had by all, (especially Graham and I). Thank you team, you all do a fantastic job!



Thursday 12th October – Dementia Bus Visit

So a really, really busy day today it was great to see the team again at Portsdown View home in Bedhampton for a Dementia experience which was really interesting. Then back to the plaza to catch up with the Facilities Manager and the Civic Secretarial & Resilience Officer, just to make sure we all had dates in our diaries, then a zoom meeting in the Parlour and finally another meeting at 5:30pm. A very long day!



Monday 16th October – Bedhampton Stroke Club Visit

On Monday, both Graham and I were invited to meet the participants of the Bedhampton Stroke Club which has been running for 36 years, a great achievement and chaired by the lovely Chris Sharpe, formerly a nurse like me, so we had loads to talk about. Graham sat with the men for a while chatting to one of his ex-bus colleagues and it was lovely to hear them laughing, we were both made to feel so welcome. Keep up the good work team, you are all doing a fantastic job.



Friday 20th October – Stop Domestic Abuse AGM

This morning we went to Hedge End for the Annual Stop Domestic Abuse AGM. It was really interesting to hear the progress and how the Charity has grown over the years, now including stalking. They work closely with the Police and other agencies in order to keep us all safe.



Saturday 21st October – St Clare’s Quiz Night

Last night I was invited to St Clare’s Church in Warren Park for the annual quiz night. My daughter Rebecca came with me, as Graham had an engagement with the RNLi on Hayling. The money raised for the raffle was donated to the Mayor’s charity which is the RNLi. A princely sum of £258 was raised to help keep our crews afloat, saving lives at sea. Huge thanks go to the church and all that attended, we are both so grateful for your generosity and kindness, thank you.

Sunday 22nd October – Mayor of Southampton’s Civic Service

Although it was my birthday, it was lovely going to Southampton for the Lord Mayor of Southampton’s Civic Service, a really nice service and a delicious lunch was provided afterwards too.



Tuesday 24th October – Community Team’s Thank you to Ukrainian Host Families

It was great to catch up with the lovely ladies from the Ukrainian 2 Colours choir last night and Laura, Kate and Carol, Havant Borough Council officers who look after the group with their English hosts. It was a really lovely evening, sheer joy.



Saturday 28th October – Poppy Appeal Launch

To talk to the volunteers in Havant today and see so many happy faces was a very humbling experience, also to remember all those who have lost their lives for our freedom, thank you most sincerely.



Hayling Musical Society Youngstars Performance of Shrek

On Saturday afternoon we were invited to see the Shrek musical by the Hayling Young Stars, I also bought tickets for my grandchildren and daughter's boyfriend. It was absolutely brilliant, such talented youngsters, we are so lucky to have so much talent in the Borough, also a huge thank you to all the volunteers and parents, a fantastic show, thank you.

Mayor of Havant Cllr Rosy Raines

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Name of Committee:	Full Council		
Committee Date:	22 nd November 2023		
Report Title:	Leigh Park Vacant Shop Scheme		
Responsible Officer:	Wayne Layton Executive Head of Regeneration and Economic Development		
Cabinet Lead:	Councillor Alex Rennie		
Status:	Non-Exempt		
Urgent Decision:	No	Key Decision:	No
Appendices:	Appendix A – Map of Leigh Park Shopping Centre		
Background Papers:	None		
Officer Contact:	Wayne Layton Executive Head of Regeneration and Economic Development wayne.layton@havant.gov.uk		
Report Number:	HBC/058/2023		

Corporate Priorities:

The paper seeks to introduce a policy whereby businesses can apply for loans to bring previously vacant Retail units into use in the Leigh Park shopping centre (as shown in appendix a). This supports the Council’s key corporate objectives.

The first is Growth, the Council wants to encourage local entrepreneurs to set up businesses in the Borough that create jobs and bring vibrancy back to the key shopping area within Leigh Park.

Secondly the scheme will promote Pride in Place, by filling vacant shops this will hopefully encourage more people to return to our shopping districts and give local people more pride in their neighbourhood.

Executive Summary:

The Council’s retail shopping centres have suffered over the past few decades because of an increase in globalisation and internet shopping which means that many of the smaller independent shops that once populated our high streets have found it more difficult to establish themselves on the high street.

The Waterlooville Vacant shop scheme launched by the Council in the summer demonstrated that there are businesses out there who do want to establish themselves in the Borough but one of the main barriers is that of capital funding to start up or expand their businesses. This scheme introduces the ability for applicants to apply for small grants that will allow them to convert vacant shop units within the Park Parade/Greywell Shopping area.

Recommendations:

That Full Council:

1. approves the use of up to £170,000 of the Council's Regeneration reserve to offer capital grants to businesses who wish to set up or expand in the Greywell shopping centre, and to administer the Leigh Park Vacant Shop Scheme.
2. authorises the Section 151 Officer to amend the capital programme to approve the use of £170,000 of the Council's Regeneration reserves for the Leigh Park Vacant Shop Scheme.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Like most High Streets around the Country the Greywell shopping centre has a high vacancy factor and as a result of this there is increased anti-social behaviour and the general aesthetic of the shopping area is tired and run down in areas where there are vacant shop units.
- 1.2 Leigh Park is an area of high deprivation and an elderly population that are reliant on walking and public transport to access shops. There is also a great deal of people who struggle to even meet the cost of public transport so having a local shopping centre can be a lifeline for them.
- 1.3 Over recent years the High Street in Britain has evolved and where there use to be a number of independent retailers offering a myriad of different retail offerings. However, because of the expansion of supermarkets many of these independent shops have disappeared from out High Street.
- 1.4 The scheme is designed to encourage applications from businesses from retail, leisure and culture, entertainment and healthcare to try and encourage a more diverse offer for shoppers.
- 1.5 The Council doesn't own any of the buildings within the Shopping Centre itself and therefore can do little to control rental values in the area.
- 1.6 Business Rates are set by the Valuation Office based on the type of commercial property. The Council has a statutory obligation to collect Business rates and any reduction in these would have to be met by the Council's own budget and would require savings from other services the Council offers.

2.0 The Business Model

- 2.1 The scheme will initially be launched inviting businesses to submit an Expression of Interest for capital works to bring vacant shopping units into use. The Council will then sift through these expressions of interest and invite strong applications to submit a formal application. Following a period of due diligence by the Council grant awards will be made in early 2024.

3.0 Financials

- 3.1 The report requests the use of £170,000 of the Regeneration reserve and an amendment to the approved capital programme. The pot of money that is being made available for businesses to apply to is £150,000. The report further requests up to £20,000 to help support the administration of the scheme.
- 3.2 The Waterlooville Scheme was funded through the UK Shared Prosperity fund; this scheme is funded from the Council's own Regeneration Reserve that was created following the sale of the Brockhampton West site.

4.0 Budgetary Implications

- 4.1 There are no ongoing budgetary implications to the Council. A one-off capital grant is paid to the applicant and there are no ongoing revenue implications. The Council will monitor the applicants progress and this monitoring will be met from existing cash limited budgets.

5.0 Options

5.1 Option 1 – Do Nothing

- 5.1.1 The Greywell shopping centre and Park Parade in Leigh Park consists of 85 retail units, as of the 4th November 14% of these units were empty, some of these are larger units. The precinct also has a disproportionate amount of retail units that are involved in hair and beauty services, in fact 1 in 5 units are in this sector.
- 5.1.2 The shopping centre itself is a lifeline for local people and having a vibrant shopping centre that has a range of retailers is key to the future success of the local centre.

5.2 Option 2 – Introduce a Vacant Shop Scheme

- 5.2.1 The Council are looking to incentivise a wide range of businesses to the Leigh Park shopping centre. The main shopping precinct in Leigh Park, (Park Parade and the Greywell shopping centre) currently has 12 vacant units, which represents around 14% of all the shops in that area. Some of these are large units that have been empty for some time. The Council recently promoted a vacant shop scheme for Waterlooville of which we had 30 applicants demonstrating that there was a call for this type of support to stimulate growth. Currently 20% of all the retail units within the shopping area are related to provision of hair and beauty services. The Council, through this initiative, will be seeking bids in particular from retail, leisure & culture, entertainment and healthcare to try and encourage a more diverse offer for shoppers.

- 5.2.2 A new butchers has been established in Greywell and has established itself, we are looking to encourage more independent businesses like this.

6.0 Conclusion

- 6.1 The Council are keen to take positive action to regenerate the Shopping Centre in Leigh Park and therefore by making it easier for shops to locate to the area is one way the Council can stimulate growth.

7.0 Implications and Comments

7.1 S151 Comments

Changes to the Council's capital programme require Full Council approval or its delegation, this report asks for a delegation to amend the Council's approved capital programme and to approve the release from reserves.

Members should be assured that the Council has £10.3M in "Capital Receipts" within our reserves. Of this sum, £8.9M has been set aside specifically for regeneration schemes. After the release of the proposed funds to support this scheme. The balance will be £8.7M, this is still a reasonable amount to support future regeneration schemes.

I am therefore content that this scheme is an appropriate use of the Capital Regeneration reserve.

7.2 Financial Implications

The financial implications are addressed in detail in the body of this report.

7.3 Monitoring Officer Comments

It is a matter for Full Council to agree any additions to the budget.

There are no significant governance implications arising from this report outside of those aspects already referenced in the body of the report.

Members are reminded that they are under an obligation to exercise their fiduciary duty carefully. The meaning of fiduciary duty can be summarised as a duty to conduct administration in a business-like manner with reasonable care, skill and caution and with due regards to the council's rate payers.

Legal Implications

The Council has a general power under section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 to do anything an individual may generally do provided it is not prohibited by other legislation and the power is exercised in accordance with the limitations specified in the Act. Therefore, the Council is able to operate this grants scheme.

7.4 Equality and Diversity

No foreseen impact.

7.5 Human Resources

No foreseen impact.

7.6 Information Governance

No foreseen impact.

7.7 Climate and Environment

No foreseen impact.

8.0 Risks

- a. The key risk for the Council is that the applicant, once approved, is unable to fully meet its obligations under the grant agreement because either the property they're looking to rent falls through or match funding doesn't materialise.
- b. The Council will carry out due diligence on each application to ensure amongst other things security of tenure and of funding. Grants will be made in areas after the applicant has incurred expenditure and on production of relevant evidence to mitigate the Council's risk exposure.

9.0 Consultation

No consultation has been carried out with members of the public, but this is based on the Council's experience gained through the

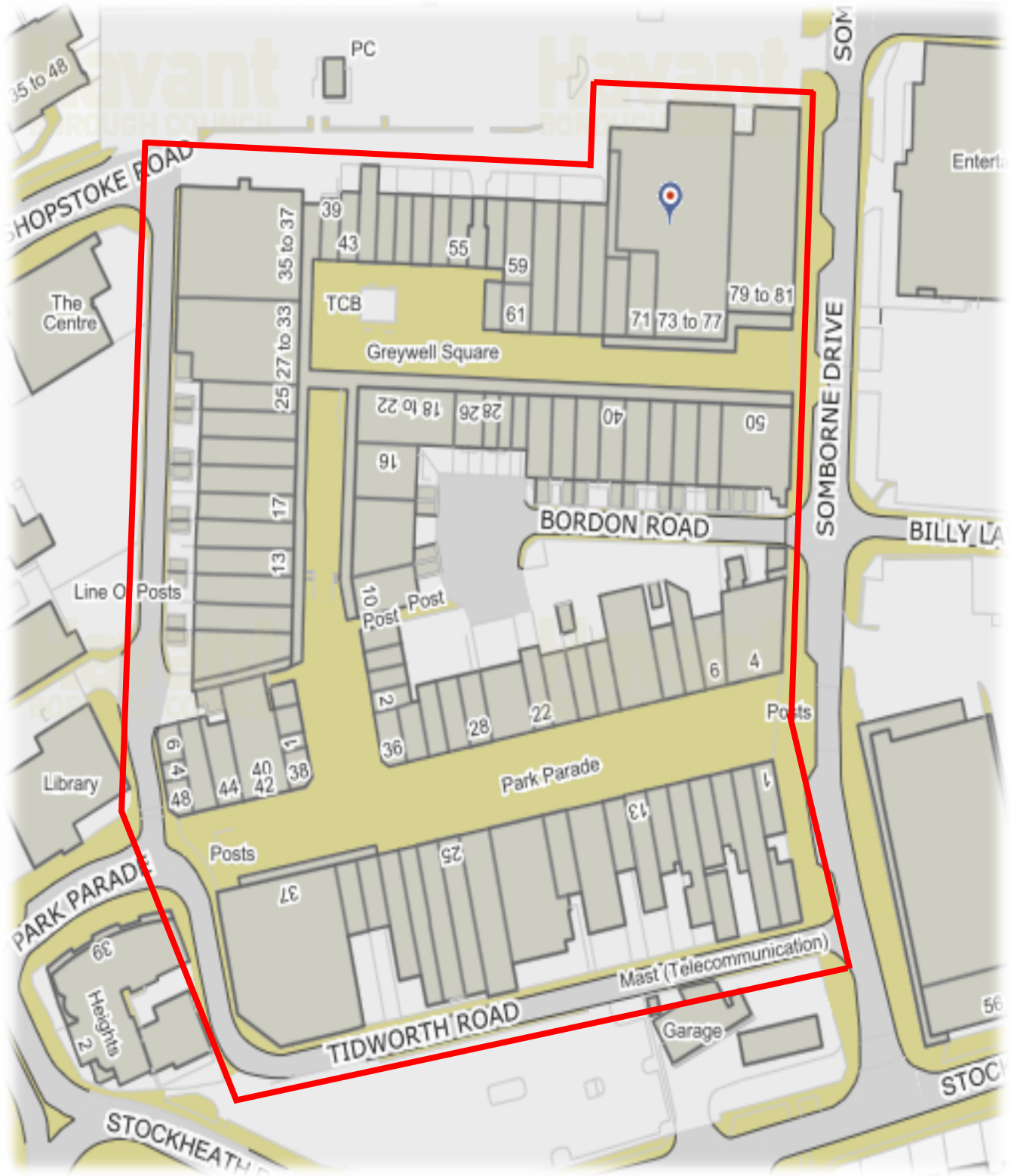
10.0 Communications

A full communication will be devised between the Council's communications team and the project team. This is likely to involve promotion on social media and press releases.

Agreed and signed off by:		Date:
Cabinet Lead:	Councillor Alex Rennie	14/11/23
Executive Head:	Wayne Layton	14/11/23
Monitoring Officer:	Jo McIntosh	14/11/23
Section151 Officer:	Steven Pink	14/11/23

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Appendix A - Leigh Park Shopping Centre



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Leader of the Council –

Councillor Alex Rennie

1. Policy development, lead for inter authority relations, engagement with Government, engagement with community and key stakeholders

1.1. We continue to closely monitor the latest development in central government policy to ensure we can effectively implement any opportunities that arise and that will help us to deliver our priorities.

1.2. Since the last Council meeting new laws came into force on the planning system, holding developers to account and encouraging plans to enable the building of new homes. These measures become law after the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Bill received Royal Assent. Measures in the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act will:

- Make it easier to put local plans in place
- Require developers to deliver vital infrastructure
- Rebalance the housing and land markets, giving councils the power to increase council tax on empty homes
- Encourage developers to build
- Give councils the powers to work directly with landlords to bring empty buildings back into use by local businesses and community groups.

2. Council performance against corporate strategy

2.1. Following adoption of the corporate priorities plan earlier in the year we are continuing to monitor progress. During the last quarter we have:

- Completed the installation of the CCTV hubs in Waterlooville
- Launched a Pop to the Shops 30 minute free parking initiative to support Waterlooville town centre
- Launched a Vacant Shop Grant Scheme in Waterlooville town centre to support businesses to occupy and transform empty shops
- Appointed consultants to take forward the Waterlooville Masterplan
- Completed 3 playpark refurbishment projects
- Begun work on our Housing Strategy

- Arranged a workshop for Havant Town centre businesses and funding secured to delivery a Havant Town centre Action Plan
- Continued work on our Local Plan with work on development allocations commissioned
- Ran workshops with Councillors and staff to take forward our Climate Action Plan

2.2. Following the end of quarter two performance information has been collated and will be reported to Cabinet. Performance data is gathered from services across the council on a quarterly basis to provide insight on the operational performance of the organisation. Key metrics from quarter two show:

- Response times for information requests all within target
- Visitors to our website increased by almost 50%
- Number of missed bins, in particular for garden waste has decreased
- Contamination of recycling is still high and above the Hampshire average
- Vacancy rates and debt levels across investment property portfolio remain low
- Decrease in the number of complaints (177 received compared to 230 in quarter one) with the lowest amount of waste collection complaints received compared to the last 18 months.
- Processing times for revenue and benefits claims within target
- Regulatory services (Planning, Building Control) generally within target.

3. Regeneration, including the Hayling Island Seafront Strategy

3.1. The Hayling Island Seafront Strategy Group continues to meet, to ensure a joined up approach to achievement of ambitions for Hayling Island is maintained, as plans are developed. The regeneration team are looking at various opportunities to enhance the seafront area and stimulate economic activity within the physical barriers constraints that a beach front location presents.

3.2. Bulbeck Road – As previously reported the Council have identified a contractor to demolish the former car park site. The Council continues to work with prospective developers of the site and the Regeneration team are currently formulating the best way to bring this site forward to market.

3.3. **Waterlooville Town Centre**

Waterlooville continues to be an important priority for us and with the appointment of a dedicated Regeneration Officer in April to focus solely on the regeneration of the town centre and provide the capacity we need to accelerate progress. Work is well underway with delivery of the short-term interventions and now the contract has also been awarded for the development of a Masterplan to guide its longer-term regeneration strategy and transformation.

The recently launched Waterlooville Vacant Shop Grant Scheme received 29 expressions of interest. This grant programme has £140k allocated from the UK Shared Prosperity fund. This initiative will incentivise and minimise financial risk to businesses looking to take on vacant shop units and reduce the current high vacancy rates, increase footfall, support existing local businesses, and stabilise the current economic situation. Out of the 29 expressions of interest 18 went through to the full application stage. Currently the full applications we have received are being evaluated.

Work is continuing around the Waterlooville Infrastructure Interventions which will include a Parklet and Grey to Green initiative in the Queens Parade section of the London Road precinct. Surveys have been undertaken and detailed costings and designs are currently being worked on with a view to installing early 2024. £150k of Community Infrastructure Levy funds have been allocated to the project.

The Council have now appointed a contractor to bring forward the Masterplan to be consulted upon by March 2024 for Waterlooville. FERIA Urbanism beat off a large field of bidders and were particularly employed based on their demonstration of how they would consult with members of the public. The

Council and Feria are now working closely to work up an engagement plan and details of this will be released shortly.

3.4. Leigh Park – The Council’s regeneration team are working up a scheme to implement a Vacant shop scheme in Leigh Park similar to that in Waterlooville. If approved this will allow applicants to bid towards a £150,000 pot for businesses new to Park Parade shops or for those businesses who are already based in Park Parade and are hoping to expand.

4. Communications

4.1. Since the last meeting of the Full Council, we have continued with campaigns and launched new ones. Key campaigns and communications coverage have included:

- Launched our new website with increased traffic to the site
- Ran a consultation on the feeding of pigeons in Waterlooville
- Promoting receiving a prestigious animal welfare award
- *Motion for the Ocean* backed to clean up our coast
- £2 million plan approved to help the homeless into temporary accommodation
- Promoted our Get Up and Go exercise programme
- Promoted a Ukrainian host families thank you and recruitment event
- Promoted National Recycling Week
- Completion of the refurbished play area at Bidbury Mead
- Winning the Gold Award for supporting the Armed Forces community
- Promoted improvement in physical and mental health through Wellbeing Walks
- Announced the consultants appointed to take forward the Waterlooville masterplan
- Provided critical news updates regarding Storm Ciarán

- Provided support for the Havant Business Partnership and High Street Task Force events
- Production of *Your Borough* – online and in print.

Website information

Users

- 123k
- 55s average engagement time

Location Top 5

- London 45,348
- Havant 12,793
- Portsmouth 12,239
- Unknown 11,974
- Waterlooville 7,199

Most searched for item on the website

- Council Tax
- Search and Comment on planning apps,
- Where I live
- Planning application and appeals
- Bin collection

Devices

- Mobile 57.1%
- Desktop 39.1%
- Tablet 3.8%

Social media update

Facebook

- Gained – up 45 fans.

- Reached – up 199k.
- Posts – 119
- Top Post - Work underway at Bidbury Mead play area. (Sep 21)

Twitter

- Gained – 5 followers
- Posted - 83
- Followers – 4.1K

LinkedIn

- Our page reach was 2.1K

5. Armed Forces Covenant

5.1. On 5th October the Leader, Community Officer and our one Reservist attended a ceremony on board HMS Warrior in Portsmouth's Historic Dockyard to receive a gold Employer Recognition Scheme award. This is the Ministry of Defence's highest badge of honour in recognition of supporting the Armed Forces community. After receiving the award there were performances by 3 PWRR Fanfare Trumpeters, the Queen's Gurkha Engineers (QGE) 36 Engineer Regiment, the Royal Logistic Corps (RLC) Corps of Drums and Gordons School of Pipe band. Havant Borough Council is one of 26 organisations across the Southeast to receive this award. Our gold award certificate is displayed on the wall in the Atrium by the Customer Service desk.

6. Economic Development and Levelling up Priorities

6.1. Havant Skills Zone meeting and Newsletter

On 3rd October Havant Borough Council's Economic Development team brought together Post 16 training providers, such as HSDC, Community First, Itchen College, and Brockenhurst College, and referrers working with unemployed residents such as Hampshire County Council's Education Participation NEET team, Get Set, Probation, and others to discuss joint promotion and better ways

of working. Presentations were given by Hampshire County Council's Multiply and Construction skills Team, as well as Havant Job Centre, and Havant Borough Council's Youth Hub.

From this group the Havant Skills Newsletter was launched and the first edition was sent out via GovDelivery on the 31st October promoting free courses available to Havant Borough residents promoting skills and employment.

6.2. Havant Business Partnership

On 2nd November the launch of The Havant Business Partnership took place in partnership with HSDC and was hosted by The West Group in Waterlooville. This event brings together Havant Borough Council's Economic Development and Regeneration team and connects them with businesses and industry leaders. Talks around Economic Development and Regeneration from Havant Borough Council were given by Cllr Alex Rennie, and Wayne Layton, and from HSDC Aaron Butson discussed their skills offer. The West Group presented a brief history of their business and James Maw hosted a feedback activity designed to identify business needs of the community.

The Havant Business Partnership will be a biannual event.

6.3. Havant Youth Hub

Youth Hub

The Youth Hub is currently supporting 180 young people from across the borough working closely with Havant and Cosham Job Centre. To date, 140 young people have been supported into paid employment. Roles include hospitality, engineering / mechanics apprenticeships and roles in the NHS.

178 young people have been supported into further training opportunities including Get Into Engineering through Princes Trust, CSCS courses and Tempus Customer Service training.

Partnerships

Havant Youth Hub is working with three training providers to establish two training provisions at the hub per month.

Itchen College, Havant and South Downs College and Community First are all delivering adult education budget funded courses through our youth hub. We have recently delivered a variety of courses to build employability skills and gain Level 1 Employability qualifications.

The youth hub will commit to holding 2 training courses per month to continue to upskill and support young people across the Borough to move forwards.

DWP link

We are committed to driving forwards a more embedded link with DWP and local job centres through ensuring we are using their provision to support residents.

We have recently been able to access the DWP Work Psychologist for some of our residents who are struggling to make the transition into work. This provision allows us to access a detailed report of an individual's needs meaning we are better able to support those who are neurodiverse or have more severe mental health needs.

6.4. Havant High Streets Task Force

On the 2nd November Havant Regeneration and Economic Development hosted the Havant High Street Task Force workshop, to create a Town Centre Board to follow up on the findings from *the Unlocking Your Place Potential report* after the diagnostic visit in March 2023.

This event was led by Toyubur Raham, a High Street specialist, and was hosted by The Pallant Centre. Attendees included local Councillors, community stakeholders, and retailers in the town centre.

Applications to become a member of the Havant Town Centre Partnership Board will be open from Wednesday 8th November and closes on the 26th November. A press releases announcing this is coming shortly.

6.5. Link Up Leigh Park

Link Up Leigh Park Programme

University of Portsmouth Research and Intervention Workshop

The University of Portsmouth has produced the final interim report of findings from their participatory insight programme. The final two interim reports, focus groups with 16-18-year-olds and focus groups with families of 16-24-year olds, will be merged together with another four reports to identify common patterns and themes that will bring together the final results of the research programme.

The final results will build insight that will be shared on 29th November at the upcoming Intervention Development Workshop. This workshop will be hosted by officers from the Link Up Leigh Park programme and will be facilitated by the University of Portsmouth to design a final intervention to pilot during the last year of the Economies for Healthier Lives project. This workshop will bring together stakeholders from businesses, education, health, local authority and the community, including residents, to co-design an intervention that will focus on business support.

Link Up Leigh Park Coordinator

The mentoring programme being delivered in partnership with HSDC and Park Community School, was launched during the first week of the new academic term. Park Community School worked together with the Link Up Leigh Park Coordinator to create a referral process that referred 16 school leavers transitioning to HSDC onto the programme. Of the 16, 8 have engaged and have received consistent support from the coordinator. To maximise the coordinator's caseload, work is being done in partnership with Havant's Youth Hub and

internal college referrals so that there is consistent support being delivered to a total of 10 young people from the PO9 postcode.

In December, there will be a meeting to develop the plans for the 2nd launch of the coordinator's role, piloting a mentoring programme with current Park Community School pupils in their final years of secondary school.

Youth Forum

The Youth Forum, being led by the Link Up Leigh Park project team, has worked together with a group of young people to create an identity for the group. With the decision including young people, the forum will now be recognised as an ambassador network named 'Connect Youth Ambassadors'.

The group of ambassadors have been involved in providing feedback to local NHS trusts regarding the mental health and community services undergoing transformation, embedded in 'Project Fusion' which is a project merging five NHS trusts together to provide a more consistent and improved service to residents across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Cabinet Lead Reports

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Cabinet Lead for Finance –

Councillor Neil Bowdell

1. Finance & Treasury

1.1. Treasury Management:

Havant's treasury investment portfolio remains in a strong position. With minimal borrowing, but high levels of investment, the high interest rates have positively impacted HBC treasury investments.

The council has £38.6M out in active investment loans and we are currently locked in to generate £2.1M in interest, whilst new investments being offered are at 5.75-6%. This is an increase of £250k since the last report. There remains scope to increase this further.

A full report on 2022/23 Treasury Management and a Mid-year report on the current year was presented to the Audit & Finance Committee on 30/10/23.

1.2. 2021/22 Financial Statements:

Central Government, in conjunction with the PSAA approved auditors, have set clear deadlines to finalise historic audits and clear the national backlog. HBC's 2021/22 Financial Statements are still outstanding (un-audited), but this will now be completed no later than 31st March 2024. A progress report was taken to the Audit & Finance Committee on 30/10/23 and all remaining actions are expected to be cleared soon.

1.3. 2022/23 Financial Statements:

The draft 2022/23 financial statements were made public during September, but the audit will not commence until the prior year has been completed. Whilst this means our audited accounts are "delayed," there are currently over 900 local authority accounts that are overdue for audit across the country dating back as far as 2016.

1.4. 2023/24 Budget monitoring:

The current budget is monitored throughout the year and reported to cabinet each quarter. The quarter one (month 3) report forecast a potential overspend

of up to £1.7M but with planned mitigation expected to bring this figure down to ~£500k. This figure is being monitored in detail every month and is expected to reduce significantly by the quarter two report due to the next meeting of the Cabinet.

1.5. 2024/25 Budget:

The budget setting process for the 2024/25 fiscal year is well under way. There are several key steps to ensure appropriate engagement with both senior officers and elected members before a full and balanced budget can be presented to full council in February 2024. This includes planning for the revenue budget, updating the MTFP (Medium Term Financial Plan) (a 5-year rolling financial plan) and setting the capital programme for 2024/25.

1.6. Finance Team

The finance team have recently strengthened its business partnering function. This plays a key role in setting and monitoring budgets and supporting managers in understanding their budgets, reducing costs and financial planning for the future. This is already having a positive impact towards bringing our costs back in line with budget.

2. Council Tax

2.1. No update.

3. Mayoralty and Health and Safety

3.1. Mayoralty

The team continue to support the office of the Mayor, both with official engagements, and with matters relating to national or civic events.

We have been working with Councillors and officers, following the agreement of Motion at the Full Council in July 2023 to agree a Terms of Reference and Criteria for a Havant Honorary Citizen Award to promote and Honour Residents of the Borough who have given eminent service to their community, around wellbeing, sporting achievements, bravery or another acts that support

the community as a whole. The first meeting of the Civic Board was held on 12th October and there was full agreement to the proposed terms of reference, so this is now being communicated to all Members so that they can start to consider nominations in their Wards.

This year's Remembrance Sunday Parades at Havant, Hayling Island and Emsworth will be held on 12th November 2023. The Council are working with relevant organisations to ensure that all Health and Safety measures are followed, that all processes set down by the Council and Police are complied with, and that the appropriate Risk Assessments are in place.

3.2 Health and Safety

A Health and Safety page has been created for councillors which has been added to the Councillor Hub webpage. This encompasses councillors Violence and Aggression, Accident and Incident reporting, and Member of the Public Incident reporting. The Employee Assistance Programme (EAP), entitlement, with signposting to the Local Government Association (LGA), and the HBC Mental Health First Aiders. We are hoping that Cllr's will find these pages useful.

The team have been carrying out Incident Investigation training which was created specifically for HBC and following the HSE/NEBOSH Syllabus. The target audience is for Managers and Team Leaders. So far eleven people have undertaken this training and received their 'Incident Investigation Competent Person' Certificates.

On the 10th of October 2023; World Mental Health Awareness Day was celebrated with a 'Tea and Talk' which was run in the Plaza Collaboration space. A vintage tea and cake spread provided the backdrop and the event was well attended, with quizzes and prompts creating meaningful discussions.

We have been working hard to develop new process and forms for staff and the internal platforms have been updated to reflect those changes.

4. Corporate Governance

4.1. Nationally, governance arrangements continue to be under the spotlight.

Governance has always been an area of continuous improvement and refinement for all Councils and that is the certainly the case now more than ever. Work continues to strengthen our governance arrangements to ensure that they reflect the most up to date guidance and best practice and that these arrangements are understood and followed by all.

5. Human Resources

5.1. The National Joint Council for local government services confirmed in

November the pay award for 2023-24 for officers on the council's salary scale points. This will mean an uplift of £1,925 to each scale point (3.88% was also stated for anyone outside of those scales or for associated allowances). In addition, the Chief Executive pay award was confirmed nationally as 3.5%. The HR team is working closely with payroll partners to process these uplifts in December's payroll.

5.2. In October, the HR Committee approved 18 amended HR policies and an updated Equality Policy, all contained only minor adjustments, but this means all live HR policies are once again within their published review dates. A second phase will commence in 2024 to review the design, approach and format of all HR-related policies.

5.3. After four months since the new Salary Sacrifice Shared AVC Scheme benefit was introduced, 35 people have signed up to the scheme and over 100 have registered onto the portal, which provides access to information and webinars on the Local Government Pension Scheme and Shared AVCs. Two sessions have been hosted at The Plaza for colleagues to attend presentations on these subjects too, which have been attended by close to 50 people. A further remote session has been arranged in November.

5.4. The apprenticeship levy is now being utilised by 7 council employees, 2 of whom have been recruited directly as apprentices (in the Communications and HR teams respectively).

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Cabinet Lead for Commercial –

Councillor Lulu Bowerman

Environmental Services Update – October 2023

Reduction in Complaints

The number of complaints received for Environmental Services continues to decline. Thirteen (13) complaints were received during the month of October. Demonstrating the continued excellent work delivered through the partnership of the NORSE SE team and the HBC Client team.

Please continue to contact the HBC Client Team with any issues so they can resolve them as quickly as possible.

DEFRA announcement on 'Simpler Recycling'

After a long period of uncertainty since the Environment Act in November 2021, on 21st October 2023, DEFRA announced the changes to waste collections throughout the UK.

This a positive move forward for the waste industry and enables some initial planning for resources and management of the proposed new services.

In summary the key outcomes are:

Kerbside Food waste collections to be introduced by 31st March 2026.

New burdens funding will be available to assist with the implementation of the food waste collection service.

All Authorities in England to recycle the same materials so there are no discrepancies across areas.

Garden waste can continue to be chargeable.

An all-members briefing will be held on Tuesday 5th December 2023 in the Hurstwood Room and via teams, 5pm – 7pm to provide further detailed information on this subject.

David Robertson from Havant Borough Council forms part of a five Officer team of Hampshire Districts representatives working with Hampshire County Council discussing the impact of Simpler Recycling and benefits of either the co-mingle/twin stream element of the dry material recycling collections in the future. Further updates will be communicated to members as the work progresses.

Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)

Working with Norse and using PowerBI, a suite of Environmental Service KPI's is in the final stages of development. The data and dashboard will enable us to monitor and manage the performance and delivery of Environmental Services, to identify issues early and assure service standards.

The data will be collected for waste services, street scene, and grounds maintenance. An early example has been given to Cllr Andy Briggs as part of his Cabinet role of performance management.

Cabinet will receive a demonstration of the next version by the end of November.

Beach huts

An options paper has been prepared for Cabinet consideration on 29th November regarding the management of the vulnerable beach huts on West Beach. This will enable timely actions and possible interventions for those huts at risk.

Storm Ciaran

Norse SE worked with HBC's emergency planning team to ensure the Borough was resilient and prepared for Storm Ciaran.

Resources were deployed by Norse SE to respond to reports of fallen trees, debris, damaged tidal flaps, flood reports and continually checked our coastal areas for damage or problems that required immediate attention.

The refuse collection teams adapted their working day to ensure all refuse and recycling collections were completed throughout the Borough.

Subsequent to the storm, the seasonal leaf collection has resumed to ensure roads and paths are cleared.

Cabinet Lead for Coastal –

Councillor Liz Fairhurst

1. Coastal Management

South Hayling Beach Management Activities (BMA) (2017-2024)

We have entered the final year of the current Beach Management Plan (BMP), and works are underway to prepare the submission for the next 5 years of beach management to the Environment Agency. The technical update is ongoing, and we are working to develop flood extents to assist with calculating the project economics. Final results from the modelling are expected by the end of October 2023.

The Autumn beach management campaign was undertaken between 29th September and 13th October 2023. Around 14,000m³ of shingle has been extracted from the Open beach between Coastguard revetment and Inn on the Beach and around 2,500m³ of material has been imported. All material has been deposited into priority areas along the Eastoke frontage. All areas have been fully re-opened to the public ahead of the October half term. Contractors are currently demobilising from the site compound, and will be fully off site by 25th October.

We will continue to monitor the beach condition over the winter period, which will determine when future works are planned and implemented.

West Beach – Scoping and Regeneration

The current position of the beach crest lies within the estimated initial cutback risk zone area identified prior to the structures being removed. It is expected that over time, under average wave and weather conditions the beach crest will continue to roll back into the 'rebound zone'. A recent crest survey has been undertaken and monitoring of the poor condition breastwork for damage continues.

With the emerging coastal strategy policy and renewed interest in coastal management and seafront regeneration, collaborative workshops have been held to consider wider council objectives and timescales for West Beach.

The area continues to be monitored for Health and Safety purposes and debris on the beach is removed by Norse.

Hayling Island Coastal Management Strategy

Valuable comments on the Strategic Environment Assessment, Habitats Regulations Assessment and Water Framework Directive assessment have been received from Natural England, Historic England, and the Environment Agency which the project team are reviewing. Responses to their comments are being prepared and will be returned to the consultees in November. We are anticipating that a further meeting with the regulators in November will be beneficial to discuss the updates and iron out any finer details.

These comments will be collated with the comments from the public and the Strategy documents will be updated over the coming months.

Additional model runs are being conducted on the Beach Management Plan bi-modal wave modelling which will produce updated flood extents and property counts. The results from this work, as well as additional updates needed for the Strategy, will inform the economics update expected to take place in January. Following this the Strategy will be going to HBC for approval and adoption in March.

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

The project team continue to work collaboratively with AECOM to progress towards the 100% design milestone. Review comments from Coastal Partners and external parties have been returned to AECOM for inclusion into the design. The 100% design for all core scheme frontages is due for finalisation and acceptance on 22nd December 2023.

The project team continue to seek additional funding sources for the scheme. The inflation uplift claim and additional OGD claim, submitted to the EA for £818,000 is currently awaited. The scheme has also been allocated £1,900,000 which requires EA approval. The application for Department for Education funding to the value of £500,000 was unsuccessful.

Five of six public in-person engagement sessions to offer the opportunity for residents to drop-in and ask question about the Langstone Scheme and speak directly to the Project Manager have taken place. Three of these sessions have been

general drop-ins and two have been specific topic sessions focussing on materials and the high-street flood gate. The remaining engagement session will be held in October 2023 and be specific to Frontage 2. Engagement sessions have been well received by the community. Further 1-2-1 meetings with residents have also been ongoing providing all those that wish to talk about the scheme, with Coastal Partners, the opportunity to do so.

Preparations are currently being made for the 100% design Public Exhibition which has been provisionally booked for December 2023.

Broadmarsh Coastal Defence Scheme – Detailed Design

Broadmarsh Coastal Defence Scheme was submitted to the HBC Capital Programme in September, with a bid for £1,258m to fund Stage 2: Detailed Design, Licensing, and Consents. Approval was gained from the Executive Leadership Team to bid for this funding, and the project was recognised as one of the Council's corporate Priority Projects.

Essential asset maintenance to the revetment, to contain the chalk bund and landfill contents, is expected to be completed in October this year. £52,250 of the current dedicated revenue budget has been allocated to the repairs. As a result, all the revenue budget has been committed for this financial year. Ongoing monitoring of this key sea defence infrastructure will continue over the winter period to check for damage caused by storms.

Wade Lane Seawall Failure

A constructive multi-agency meeting with Hampshire County Council, Chichester Harbour Conservancy and Coastal Partners was chaired by Cllr Bowerman in early October. The meeting heard about the forecast long term adaptation of the Harbour over the next 30-50 which results in significant changes to the existing coastline and habitats. Climate change and rising sea levels are likely to over top the existing walls in this area more frequently. Natural changes to the harbour are preferable to sudden and un-managed changes which give the environment more time to respond. This is pathfinding adaption work locally and nationally that challenge established approaches of continued maintenance of hard coastal defence structures.

The Leader and other Council Members, supported by Lyall Cairns attended a local meeting on the 28 September 2023 and it is recognised that the community are passionate about the heritage and preservation of the environment in Langstone. However, the presentation was in some respect inaccurate and miss-leading. Coastal Partners are working on correcting these inaccuracies with the Langstone Village Association.

Coastal Partners continue to monitor this section of coastal erosion. The initial response and erosion of the shoreline following the collapse of the wall has slowed.

The Coastal Partners webpage continues to be maintained to include our recent updates. Coastal Partners are directing enquiries to the website for information and encourage others to do the same.

[Langstone Coastal Path, Mill Pond to Wade Lane, Havant — Coastal Partners](#)

Coastal Environmental Initiatives

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

Hayling Island Coastal Management Strategy – additional studies

We are continuing to actively investigate opportunities for intertidal habitat creation on Hayling Island, to explore the feasibility of creating new saltmarsh habitat. Saltmarsh habitats can provide natural flood management benefits, increase biodiversity, sequester carbon, and improve water quality.

Langstone FCERM scheme – Saltmarsh Feasibility Study

We are continuing to investigate opportunities to restore the degraded and poor-quality saltmarsh habitats in the vicinity of Langstone Village and Wade Lane. We are seeking to blend funding from various sources to deliver the multiple benefits that saltmarsh can provide.

Chichester Harbour Investment and Adaptation Plan (CHIAP)

Coastal Partners are currently developing a scope, refining costs, and drafting a programme for this.

The CHIAP will help guide the future management of Chichester Harbour's coastline and waters, addressing people, property, and environmental challenges in one place. Working together with regulators, stakeholders, landowners and the community, this plan will set out adaptation options and pathways for key focus areas within the Harbour, defined by triggers for action.

The Chichester Harbour environment is currently in 'unfavourable, declining' condition, as evidenced by the 2021 condition review by Natural England. This is due to several pressures, including harm caused by historic coastal defences, causing coastal squeeze of intertidal saltmarsh habitat. The proposed, holistic CHIAP will aim to identify opportunities for coastal habitat creation and improvement that can help reduce this pressure and contribute towards a recovering environment.

Habitat Compensation and Restoration Programme (HCRP)

The HCRP identifies and delivers habitats to replace those that are being lost due to coastal squeeze. Coastal Partners are currently seeking funding to deliver the following projects linked to this:

- **Solent wide coastal grazing marsh study:** To prioritise opportunities to create this habitat, which is critically important to the harbour's bird networks. We have drafted a business case for this and will submit it to the Environment Agency soon, following final reviews.
- **Solent Dynamic Coast Project update:** This will help us understand future coastal habitat changes more accurately, so that we can better plan habitat creation opportunities in a changing climate. Our business case for this project has now been technically approved by the Environment Agency, unlocking up to £236k funding to deliver this project.
- **Monitoring and communication at Southmoor:** To monitor and better communicate the natural coastal defence breach at Southmoor, which is already leading to the establishment of vitally important new saltmarsh habitat on the landward side. The three photos below, taken by the team on Tuesday

17th October '23 illustrate how saltmarsh species are already colonising the site, with waders such as Greenshank feeding amongst the changing habitats.





2. Delivery of Civil Engineering Services

Warblington Footbridge HBC CIL 20/10/2023

Letter from NR received 10/10, stating their desire to continue with scheme, and suggesting early community engagement to de-risk planning process. HCC confirm they will start to spend on their s.106 from March 2024 on design of 'fall-back' scheme to ensure s.106 is spent. Officers met NR 12/10 to discuss programme and approach to risk - PD rights now to be used so de-risked planning, NR offered hyper-local (immediate neighbours) engagement to understand any local objections to bridge form. However, the ES4 (detailed design) contract will be emerging cost model which continues to expose HBC to financial risk if there is a cost escalation through the emerging design; they have offered a 'continuous break point' model throughout ES4 to avoid any abortive costs being too great. A further meeting is taking place with NR senior colleagues on the 3rd November 2023 to determine whether NR will accept all project risks from this point forward to remove any financial risk to HBC.

Bushy Lease Shared Path HBC CIL 23/10/2023

Bridge cost estimate (£90k) received for Hermitage stream crossing. Contact with Portsmouth (land owner) over means of connecting to Fitzwygram Way. Pre-application comments now received and are now being reviewed prior to putting in a full planning application.

Rusty Cutter link road Active Travel Improvements HBC CIL 05/10/2023

National Highways staff confirm support for proposed Designated Funds bid. CELT will be liaising with NH officers to make a formal application for DF funding, but this will not be until start of new RIS3 period in April 2024 as current funds are committed and NH wants to get those schemes completed before new ones are added. In meantime, CELT continuing with preliminary design, talking to HCC S278 team regarding interface with 'Forty Acres' site works. CIL team advised and recognise implementation delay to 2025.

Hobby Close PCC 05/10/2023

L&S Waste has been appointed as the contractor, but due to the need to obtain approval for pre-start planning conditions the works on site have been re-arranged to start in spring 2024 for 10 weeks, to ensure pre-planning conditions are signed off in good time and to avoid working in the wet (and muddy) season.

Elettra Avenue / Milton Road HBC CIL 23/10/2023

Design complete and approved by HCC. However, Elettra Avenue is now on hold until such time as the developer (Hargreaves) commences work on site at which point the S106 funding will be released. Milton Road - new footway / cycleway linking Milton Road to Hambledon Road is being included in design.

Waterlooville To Denmead Active Travel Corridor HBC CIL + HCC 23/10/2023

Further to comments from the Safety Audit (SA) team the Sunnymead Drive section of the scheme has been redesigned. Further discussions have taken place with the freeholder of 100 Hambledon Road regarding providing access to his property and issue regarding the extent of the public highway at Petersham Close which had implications for the design has now been clarified. This project is still under funded but in discussions with HCC to figure out how we can fill the funding gap. Works may progress in phases.

MUGA Rugby Club car park HBC CIL 23/10/2023

Car park works complete and open for use. Next phase lighting - Lighting connection cost in excess of original estimated costs but funding to cover still to be confirmed. Start date still TBA.

Scratchface Lane Recreation Ground HBC No Funding 19/10/2023

PROJECT CANCELLED 19/10/2023.

England Coast Path, Emsworth NE HBC CIL 05/10/2023

Preliminary design for civil engineering works submitted to Natural England for application to Planning Inspectorate inquiry. This was held in early July. The outcome and timing of the resulting report is not in HBC control. Further commission for detailed design expected after Inquiry completed. Occasional input as & when Planning Inspectorate requires.

Brambles Farm Link HBC CIL 07/09/2023

Initial discussions with HCC have indicated willingness to promote this route as an additional access point into Brambles Farm from the south. Ecology, arboriculture, Environment Agency consents / applications will all be required. CIL is a fund building contribution as a minimum scheme is likely to be >£250k. HCC undertaking wider study into Brambles Farm access and movement which will incorporate this link as part of the justification for further S106 contributions which will be required to fully implement the project.

Somborne Drive Greywell Drainage HBC S106 16/10/2023.

S106 funding to be secured to design to include Green Infrastructure within the car park - re-align surface water drainage using existing drainage to the west include SuDS to better manage surface water volume and water quality - revised date for completion Q4 2023/24.

Future of Billy Trail (feasibility)HBC CIL 20/10/2023

CIL funding being used to conduct feasibility design for alternative routes at two locations where erosion is threatening the Trail (West Lane, Saltmarsh Lane) supporting separate HCC funded study of £50k for overall 'NCN2' project. CIL will also fund implementation before spring 2024 across Beachlands SSSI - permissions being raised with Natural England by Property Team. Topographic survey to be conducted by HCC. Ecology by Coastal Partners is complete. Site clearance of old West Lane route completed to allow survey. Options for erosion site at Saltmarsh Lane being developed.

Elmleigh Road HCC TCF HBC CIL 05/10/2023

CELT detailed design work completed. HCC are lead on implementation. Work started 15/5/23. Good progress being made on section east of Civic Centre Road, and at Petersfield Road sparrow crossing. Works now expected to be complete 4 weeks early, in November 2023.

TCF Park Road South HCC TCF 20/10/2023

CELT preliminary design work completed. HCC are lead on design and implementation. On site September - December.

Havant Road and Bridge Road Emsworth HCC 23/10/2023

Bridge Road scheme has been designed and approved. The Safety Audit (SA) team have reviewed the original design and have produced a Nil return report indicating there are no issues. However, they have asked that we consider a slightly different design. SA comments have been discussed with the team and a way forward has been agreed. Have discussed with client manager at HCC.

Victoria Road, Emsworth HCC 23/10/2023

Drawings have been checked and are now working through final approval. HCC have now decided they want implementation to go ahead during the February 2024 half-term holiday. They have also decided they would like to the Victoria Road scheme and the Bridge Road scheme to be tendered as a single package.

Morelands Phase 3 (Gauntlett Park) HCC 17/10/2023

Enerveo have provide lighting design and these are being integrated into the footway design. A CIL application (project 278) to cover the cost of the lighting has been approved to cover the funding shortfall. Also, the Planning Pre-Application has been submitted and awaiting response.

ATF4 (north of Hayling Billy) [detailed design] HCC 20/10/2023

ATF4 funding from central government is £600k.

Active Travel Fund project to upgrade to all weather surface along the Billy Trail north of the Esso car park at Victoria Road to the bridge. Agreement with HCC Countryside for asphalt surfacing has been achieved. HBC CELT to design, then HCC Countryside will tender and implement with HBC design support. Detailed

design has been submitted to client who are now engaging with contractors who will feed back ideas and comments to CELT design team for final issue. HCC aiming for January 2024 approval with start in February 2024. Public engagement event being planned for November 2023.

Hayling Billy NCN2 Cycle Route Feasibility HCC 20/10/2023

HCC funding of £50k for feasibility study to investigate engineering options for sustainably upgrading remaining sections of route not covered by CIL 108 / ATF4 i.e., those not threatened by immediate erosion, and completion of cycle route via Staunton Avenue to Sea Front. Report completion December 2023. Topo survey to be undertaken by HCC shortly; PEA (ecology) by Coastal Partners complete but requires input from HCC Ecology in addition. RSA team from HCC involved with options for Staunton Avenue, making sure all proposals are LTN1/20 compliant where on highway. Links to Trail at 'Esso' and Saltmarsh Lane (FP521) also being considered within study activity.

Emsworth Mill Pond Wall HBC Rev 16/10/2023.

Core samples undertaken and being reviewed. GPR survey completed, currently assessing survey outputs.

South Street Emsworth, Wall and planting HBC car parks Rev 23/10/2023

Wall repairs complete. Replanting of with shrubs in the autumn. Looking to utilise the environmental enhancement budget to complete the works.

Hayling Island Boardwalk, Chichester Avenue HBC UKSPF 22/10/2023

Project Board meeting taking place fortnightly. Coastal Partners, Economy & Regeneration & Property involved. Brief agreed 19/10/23. Stakeholders agreed. Comms TBD. Identifying suppliers for next meeting on 02/11/23.

3. Property

- Working in conjunction with the Community Team, a new tenant has been secured for the Springwood Community Centre (subject to contract) following the demise of Springwood Community Partnership, re-establishing the centre's community use and placing the management and maintenance of the building on a more sustainable footing.

- Dakota Business Park industrial units (4-7) now fully let with a total rental uplift of c.£30,000pa on the historic position (prior to the demise of the former tenant, Formaplex Ltd).
- New full repairing and insuring lease agreed at North Emsworth Hall (former SYRCH centre). The tenant (a nursery) has occupied the premises following the demise of the previous organisation and the asset was previously not income producing.
- ‘Spruced Up Community Garden’ – a residents management plan agreed for a community garden at 79 -98 Spruce Avenue, Waterlooville. This will help improve and maintain HBC land behind the flats with flower beds and vegetable beds producing produce for the residents.
- ‘Frying High’ - a new food concession at Broadmarsh Coastal Park, selling Fish and Chips will be trading from 1st December. New licence income to the Council.
- Credit Consultant (Interim) post now deleted due to budgetary constraints and following implementation of new internal processes / information reporting from Finance.
- Now in contract with Civica (Technology Forge) for a new PAMS system and project initiation meeting arranged for 8th November.
- Level of rent collection remains high at 95% this quarter. Decrease in total debt to £108,000.
- YTD Increase of £59,000 in the non-operational asset annual rent roll (April 2023 figures to position by year end).

- Vacancy rate within portfolio continues to be very low with every effort being made to mitigate void holding costs.
- Open Space inspection programme now well underway, leading to enforcement and regularisation of unauthorised accesses onto council land.

4. Customer Services

4.1. Household Support Fund food vouchers will be out to the residents in the next month and will support many of the Borough residents. There had been a short delay due to having to re contract with the supplier.

Performance in the Customer Service Centre is up again this month with all calls answered within the contracted KPI's.

Land Charges have again hit 100% on returning the searches again within the allotted timescales.

The Council Tax team had a successful day in court in October clearing some outstanding debts.

The Council Tax Support Fund has been running for a little while now and the headlines on how it is working are as below.

- 4,210 charge payers assisted to date.
 - Average award of £41.98 per person.
 - Has targeted the most vulnerable financially to the best of your ability.
 - Triggered early in the year which takes pressure away from charge payers.
- Well done Wendy
- £177k spent with room to pay new qualifiers within the budget.

5. Cabinet lead for Digital (Capita Contract)

5.1. The service's exit work for the 5C Partnership contract for ICT in 2025 continues under the established three major project areas:

5.1.1. **Developing and procuring a new ICT Infrastructure and Security (ICT I&S 2025) provision.** Pre-Market consultation feedback has

shaped the council's finalised specification. The service is working with Procurement and Legal services to complete the Invitation to Tender documentation to go out to market this month. Authority to commence procurement is delegated to Cabinet Lead, Exec Head of Commercial, S151 and Monitoring Officer. The service will take an update of this project to Overview and Scrutiny on 21st November as requested.

5.1.2. **Moving legacy applications to Software as a Service (SaaS) cloud provision in preparation of a new ICT provider** – all are dependents of the ICT I&S 2025 project:

- **Planning Case Management.** This project has completed full-market tender and is at the end of the evaluation phase of its procurement.
- **Other regulatory case management (env. Health, licensing etc).** This project has completed full-market tender and is mid-way through the evaluation phase of its procurement.
- **Finance system replacement.** This Finance project is awaiting the November business case for project management resource to alleviate BAU Finance resource.

5.2. **'J to H Project' - Separating and reorganising the council's network data into a new HBC only network drive is now complete.** A huge amount of work has gone in to delivering a clear team-based network drive structure for our central council data, creating effective management of external party access, and resetting staff security to provide access to staff based on their current roles. As a dependent of the ICT I&S 2025 project, this work was a crucial part of the council's own exit preparations from the 5C contract, tidying up decades' worth of data and ownership.

Cabinet Lead for Planning, Environment and Water Quality –

Cllr Elizabeth Lloyd - Full Council 22.11.23

1. Local Plan

1.1. At the sub-regional level, the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) Joint Committee approved a new Statement of Common Ground between the PfSH authorities on 26 September. This sets out how the authorities will collectively work towards preparing a Spatial Position Statement which will update the similar statement approved in 2016. This will address how sub-regional considerations such as landscape scale biodiversity, strategic site development and meeting the need for housing will be addressed by the authorities. Consideration of the Spatial Position Statement by the Joint Committee will take place in due course. Moving forwards, the work of the Spatial Position Statement will be built on through a series of statements of common ground with neighbouring and nearby authorities.

1.2. Work also continues on the Building a Better Future Plan, focussed on the preparation of the robust evidence base which will be needed to support the Plan. This overlaps with a number of other workstreams (please see below section on climate change for more detail).

2. Planning and Planning Enforcement

2.1. Development Management

Casework

A large number of significant planning applications remain under consideration by the team. These include a number of cases where technical issues and/or S106 negotiations are prolonging the time being taken to reach a decision in order to ensure that high quality development is delivered which meets its infrastructure requirements.

These include Cabbagefield Row, Leigh Park (150 dwellings); Land north of Long Copse Lane, Emsworth (210 dwellings); Land east of St George's Avenue, Havant (184 dwellings); Southmere Field, Havant (65 dwellings); Rook Farm, Hayling Island (300 dwellings); Land rear of Fathoms Reach,

Hayling Island (51 dwellings); South Downs College, Purbrook (102 dwellings); Land north of The Oysters, Hayling Island (29 dwellings); Land south of Saltmarsh Lane, Hayling Island (60 dwellings); Land at Kingscroft Farm, Havant (140 dwellings); Former Dairy Crest Depot, Leigh Park (74 dwellings); Land at Palk Road, Havant (90 dwellings); the 'Blue Star land', Waterlooville (90 dwellings); and the Campdown site, east of College Road, Purbrook (628 dwellings, community centre and allotments)] totalling 2,473 new homes and other facilities. .

A new application was registered in respect of land east of Helmsley House, Bartons Road, Havant for the erection of a 78 bed older persons care home during September.

Revised proposals have also been recently received in respect of Southleigh Park House, Havant (reserved matters application for 41 dwellings).

Planning permission was granted under delegated powers on 11th September for the redevelopment of 36 New Lane with 6 new industrial units which will deliver 4537sqm of modern employment floor space.

2.2. Planning Enforcement

Following the recruitment of additional temporary staff the team have been focused on reviewing historic caseloads. On 19th September the team had 153 open enforcement cases with 12 further cases opened in September. Since then, the Team have closed 59 cases in the last 28 days. Further work is being undertaken to review existing processes and procedures and additional staff training has commenced.

3. Climate change

3.1. On 8 November, the Cabinet received an update on the work of the Climate Change and Environment Panel, which was brought together following the adoption of our Climate Change Strategy in 2021. This highlights how workshops are currently taking place to inform the Action Plan priorities which should be the focus for the authority for future years together with informing an update of the current strategy and action plan.

The workshops which sought to raise Members' and Officers' awareness surrounding mitigation for climate change were well attended and positively received by those attendees. Workstreams to come out of discussions in those sessions were captured. There was broad support focussed around planning for zero carbon-emitting buildings, the Council's own estate and funding issues, among other topics. These will all be considered in detail as part of the review of the Strategy and Action Plan on Climate Change and the Environment.

4. Environmental Health and Licensing

4.1. The Licensing Team has recently taken the draft Street Trading Policy and proposal to adopt the relevant legislation, to Licensing Committee for consideration following public consultation. No adverse comments were received during the consultation and therefore the Licensing Committee have recommended both the legislation and policy for adoption. The Council intends to designate all streets in the borough for the purposes of street trading and is developing an advice leaflet for prospective traders to ensure compliance.

4.2. The Animal Welfare Team have been dealing with a higher level of stray dogs than usual. The team has also developed some advice for XL Bully owners ahead of the Government banning this breed with effect from 31 December 2023, signposting owners to free training resources and guidance.

4.3. The Council has submitted and have approved the Combined 2022 and 2023 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR). This can be found at

Air quality | Havant Borough Council.

The report confirms the following:

“ the air quality objectives are likely to be achieved for NO2 at relevant locations throughout the Borough, with many residential areas likely to enjoy excellent air quality “

5. Building Control

5.1. All aspects of the day-to-day service are being delivered fast and are achieving above targets. Staff are also dealing with significant legislative change and new requirements (see below) which are putting extra strain on the team, however due to its partnership working arrangement it can face these challenges and stresses with resilience.

5.2. Building Safety Act 2022 – Registration of Building Control Surveyors

Building Control Surveyors are now beginning the process of registration, so that they can legally practice plan checking and site inspections which are defined as 'restricted activities' by law from next April. The first stage of this involves demonstrating their competence. There are 3 approved routes to demonstrate competence, 1 being an exam and a submission of a portfolio of evidence, the other 2 being an interview and a portfolio of evidence. Upon successful validation of competence, they can then begin the registration process.

5.3. **Building Safety Act 2022 – New Legislation Now in Force** A significant number of procedural changes under the new Building Safety Act came into effect on 1st October 2023 which the Team are working to embed into the service. These include, but are not limited to, new duties on architects and developers, changes to plan requirements and consultations and powers for stop notices where there are serious breaches of Building Regulations.

6. Development Consent Order for wastewater recycling

6.1. The Council continues to engage with Southern Water regarding the proposed Development Consent Order which would use recycled wastewater from the Budds Farm Wastewater Treatment Works to help fill the new 8.7 billion litre reservoir at Havant Thicket.

6.2. A response was submitted to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) scoping report in August. The full response from this process has now been published on the Planning Inspectorate casefile website.

6.3. The Council continue to press to Southern Water to engage fully and transparently with the borough's communities regarding the proposal and the alternative approaches which they have considered prior to arriving at wastewater recycling as a preferred option.

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Cabinet Lead for Communities and Housing –

Councillor Gwen Robinson

1. Community relations, including sport, leisure and play parks

1.1 Horizon Wellbeing Hub – Meridian Shopping Centre

The Health Hub is a partnership between HBC and Horizon Leisure Trust. Since its opening in July 2023, it has seen 501 people through the doors, including:

- 84 onto the foundations programme to encourage target groups to be active, helping break down barriers to participation including anxiety around attending traditional leisure centre environments.
- 87 Health checks.
- 330 onto targeted group exercise sessions, predominantly through the HBC Get up and Go programme. This includes Ladies that lift, men's over 55's weightlifting and low impact circuits classes.

1.2 Eastoke Corner Playpark Refurbishment

Submissions for the refurbishment of Eastoke corner play area are currently being evaluated and will be awarded shortly. The whole site will use an investment of £200k CIL funding to remove all old equipment and replace with new. This will include separated areas for play and exercise as well as a new enclosed multi use games area. Work will be scheduled to commence in February 2024 to be completed by the Easter Holidays.

The Community Payback team have been scheduled to clear any existing growth from the existing landscaped area that borders the current facilities. This work is currently underway. Following this, the Civil Engineering and Landscaping Team will reinstate the existing sleeper beds and prepare the ground for new planting. The community team will then work with youth charity Motiv8 to install new plants which have been secured free from the Woodlands Trust. This work is anticipated to be complete by the end of November.

1.3 Bidbury Mead Play Area Refurbishment

Officers are pleased to inform that the £110K refurbishment to the play area at Bidbury Mead is now complete and the play area is open.

Works have taken a little longer than anticipated, this was due to contractor delays on projects prior to this one and then once on site the weather disrupted works. The play area aims to offer a challenge to children and young people of all ages whilst allowing them to play together. Climbing units, swings, roundabouts, trim trails and more have been included.

The project has created a destination site for residents from within the borough to travel to, as well as those slightly further afield.

1.4 Spencers Field Play Area Refurbishment

Works to install new play equipment at Spencers Field is due to start mid November and last for approximately 3-4 weeks, depending on weather. The play area has dwindled in provision for many years with no investment. This project is supported by the Spencers Field Community Group who have raised money and driven the project locally.

The refurbishment will provide play provision for local families and residents in a location where the current offer is considered poor, the space will allow children to learn, be active and socialise.

1.5 Sport England Swimming Pool Support Fund

In partnership with Horizon Leisure Trust, a capital bid has been submitted to Sport England's Swimming Pool Support fund aimed at increasing energy efficiency of public swimming facilities. The application is for £196,000 for Waterlooville Leisure Centre, for Solar PV Panels and £40,000 for Havant Leisure Centre for enhanced LED lighting and building management systems. The funding decision is due in December 2023.

1.6 Support for Ukraine

- Over the last 12 months officers have provided eight face to face drop-in sessions for Ukraine hosts and their families at The Plaza. 26 local

organisations have provided valuable advice and support on a range of subjects such as Housing, employment, English courses, volunteering, mental health, children's activities and more. The next drop-in event will take place on 28th November, 11am – 2pm.

- Officers held a successful 'thank you to hosts and recruitment' event which is in conjunction with the Hampshire wide Host Campaign. Officers worked with Strong Island Media to film comments from Ukrainian guests and hosts, this will be available on our website. The evening was well attended, the Two Colours Choir performed and thank you gifts and cards were handed out to those hosts who attended.
- New ESOL classes have begun, entry level 1 and 2. These classes are taking place at the Pallant Centre in Havant and are being run by tutors organised through the Rural Refugee Network. These sessions support the formal ESOL lessons at Havant and Southdowns College. This is the second such set of courses and some who attended the first courses have already secured employment.

1.7 Havant Community Lottery

The Havant Lottery currently has 110 registered Good Causes and 739 players are purchasing tickets. Over £233,000 has been raised for local Good Causes since 2018.

The autumn Community Fund round is now open for applications, registered Good Causes are able to apply for up to £2,000 to support their community projects and activities. A panel made up of Councillors, officers and other community representatives will assess each application in November and decide which projects are funded. Funding from this pot has supported many projects in the past. A few examples include; supplies for a Foodbank, youth counselling sessions, tools for an environmental group, a cookery project for families, a community centre garden project in Emsworth and outdoor equipment for a Bowling club.

1.8 Springwood Community Centre

The Expression of Interest process to secure a new managing organisation for Springwood community centre has now closed. A healthy number of robust community focussed organisations have expressed an interest and officers will be working through this process to secure a long-term arrangement with the new operator.

1.9 Grow it, Cook it, Eat it

This project is continuing to gain momentum and officers are working with volunteers to prepare the land for the Winter period ready to plant up early next year. More and more community groups are getting involved. The next allotment day will be 11th November.

2.0 CA Havant

Demand for Havant Borough's advice service is continuing to increase.

- Monthly clients support totalled nearly 8,800 over the last twelve months, averaging 733 clients supported per month across the twelve months, this was 47% above the previous year as high-volume support with the cost-of-living crisis continues.
- Clients presented with 16,600 issues and CA Havant supported with 33,700 interactions
- Advice areas covered are benefits (31%); debt (13%); housing (12%); relationships (9%); employment (6%) and utilities (6%)

2.1 New Developments

Development at Camp Field on Bartons Road has commenced for 70 dwellings. The show homes have almost been completed and building on the housing association plots are underway. Phase one of the Lower Road development is now complete, with some planting remaining outstanding. Work at Sinah Lane continues with 50 dwellings complete to date.

2. Community Safety

2.1. A review of the Council's Preventative Services team has been carried out that looked to enhance the services visibility and performance when dealing with issues such as litter and fly-tipping as well as focusing on improving our partnerships with agencies that try to tackle anti-social behaviour.

2.2. The proposed new structure is currently in the informal consultation phase and I should be in a position to talk about the new service in a months time when the formal consultation is completed.

2.3 Neighbourhood Quality

Havant Borough Council has re-engaged with colleagues from the National Probation Service's 'Community Payback' teams. HBC was among the first to work with the NPS back in the late nineties with those carrying out community service, doing everything from quick litter picking, removal of fly-tipping, removing dens and low-lying undergrowth, up to laying of crushed limestone footpaths across council land.

Following the disruption of lock-down and social distancing, officers from Neighbourhood Quality and the Communities Teams are back working with Community Payback with more land clearance, digging of a community allotment in Leigh Park and some beach litter picking.

Justice Minister, Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP, recently visited a Community Payback crew who working on West Beach, Hayling Island and which received national press coverage. During his visit he was impressed with the works carried out in the borough and is in discussion with officers regarding something similar in his East Hants Constituency.

Neighbourhood Quality will be working with NPS to create a reporting process for work such as this in your wards, and this will be passed on as soon as possible.





3. Affordable Housing

3.1. Affordable Housing delivery

Q2 23/24 affordable housing handovers were confirmed as 18.

Vivid Homes have report that 15 new homes were delivered across 3 sites:

Forty Acres, Bedhampton - 2 no 3 bed houses for Shared Ownership

Woodcroft Farm, Cowplain- 9 no 2 bed flats for Affordable Rent

St Thomas's Mead, Lower Road, Bedhampton- 4 no 2 bed bungalows for Affordable Rent.

This site is a small, spacious, semi-rural development of 50 new homes by Bargate Homes. 15 have been secured as affordable housing and will be owned and managed by Vivid Homes. The remaining 35 homes have been or will be available on the open market as the development progresses.



Part of the affordable provision consisted of four brand new 2-bedroom bungalows which were advertised through the councils housing register, and due to the rarity of this kind of accommodation generated significant interest.

With careful assessment of all the applications for the new homes, the team were able to ensure that those properties went to residents that had the greatest need. Two of the bungalows were available to existing tenants in social housing only, thereby allowing the resultant vacancies to be advertised on Hampshire Home Choice. Four new homes subsequently created suitable accommodation for six households, including a more mature couple who required separate bedrooms due to medical issues, an elderly mother who needed accommodation for both her and her carer daughter, and a mother with a teenage son suffering from autism who needs could be best met in this type of setting.

Aster Homes continues to deliver on the Pebble Walk site, off Sinah Lane on Hayling Island. Three new Shared Ownership homes were handed over by Barratts in August 2023.



Further units are forecast between now and the end of this financial year. However, this development has, and continues to experience multiple delays, and Aster have confirmed that they are currently waiting for further updates from their development team in relation to new anticipated handover dates.

3.2. Pipeline of new build affordable homes

Other ongoing development sites that will continue to deliver new build affordable housing across the borough through VIVID during the remainder of 2023 and into 2024 are:

Harbour View- Bedhampton,

Woodcroft Farm- Cowplain,

Manor Farm- Bedhampton.

4. Homelessness

4.1 Homelessness Delivery Service

Q2 **July September 2023**

TA –Temporary Accommodation

BB – Bed and Breakfast

SC - Self Contained

SH – Shared Facilities

Supported – Brent House

Total BB Inside Borough	Total BB Outside Borough	Total TA end of Quarter Inside Borough SC	Total TA end of Quarter Outside Borough SC	Total TA end of Quarter Inside Borough SH	Total TA end of Quarter Outside Borough SH	Total TA end of Quarter Supported Inside Borough	Total TA end of Quarter Supported Outside Borough	Total
1	9	18	35	3	8	25	0	99

Service had 613 customers requiring housing and homelessness advice or assistance this is inclusive of clients homeless on the day, drop-in service, appointments and referrals from other Local Authorities and organisations.

July – September 2023

Homeless on the day = 154

Hot Drop in = 273

Appointments = 115

Duty to Refer = 64

S198 = 7

The Housing Team has had several successes in preventing customers from becoming homeless by negotiating with private landlords. Including in one case, obtaining a 2-year private tenancy for a household at risk of homelessness.

Intervention from the Housing Advice and Prevention Team has also prevented a customer going into TA (Temporary Accommodation) by negotiating with their landlord to allow them to remain in their home. These negotiations included arranging for the customer's family to top up their rent payments. This is to be reviewed in the New Year.

Country-wide Pressure on Temporary Accommodation Services

The District Councils' Network (DCN) recently surveyed its members including Havant Borough Council and this revealed that 96% of its member councils reported an increase in use of temporary accommodation – four-fifths of them describing this as 'significant'.

Despite the work that Havant Borough Council and other Councils have been doing to help those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, unfortunately the supply of permanent, affordable housing has fallen across the country while the impact of the rising cost of living is making housing too costly for many people.

An unprecedented number of people are turning to councils as the last option for support when they face homelessness. As a Council we are proud of the help we give to people when they need it, but to do so we have had no option but to escalate our use of temporary accommodation with the associated increased costs.

The level of concern was demonstrated when 158 Councils, including Havant, attended a 31st October summit on the issue, organised by the District Councils' Network (DCN) and Eastbourne Borough Council.

Representations are being made by the District Councils' Network to central Government to ask for help to tackle these issues and as a Council we will advocate on behalf of the people of Havant to continue to improve the support we can give to those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Housing Association Liaison

Regular in-person quarterly catch-up meetings are held with The Guinness Partnership, our largest provider of social housing with over 4000 properties across our borough.

Meetings are attended by Cllr Gwen Robinson, manager representatives from the Housing Services team, Clare Easton-Regional Head of Customer Service, Ian Joynson- Executive Director of Asset Management, both from TGP, and enable discussion relating to both strategic and operational matters.

The latest on 24/08/2023 covered topics including:

- TGP Internal Management Policy
- Solent House incident
- Terms of TGP tenancy regarding the upkeep of front & rear gardens
- Tenancy start dates, being advertised when works to homes not confirmed.
- Possibility that TGP could help HBC relieve some of their TA pressures?
- Pets' policy

Next meeting currently scheduled for 24/11/2023.

5. Hampshire Home Choice

Current active applications to Havant Borough Council through Hampshire Home Choice as at 02/11/2023:

Bedroom need	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4	Total
1	3	76	679	39	797
2		28	533	12	573
3	2	20	335	3	360
4	2	16	62	1	81
5			2		2
6		1			1

Total	7	141	1611	55	1814
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Applicants are awarded priority on the housing register based on their needs (Urgent, High, Medium, Low). These priority awards convert to bands 1 – 4 with Band 1 being awarded to applicants with an urgent need to move.

The Accommodation Solutions Team were contacted by a housing officer from a Registered Provider regarding one of their tenants having an urgent need to move. The tenant was housed in a 1st floor flat that they were no longer able to return to after being admitted to hospital, causing a delay in their discharge. Working with the tenant, their family, the Registered Provider and the hospital, the Accommodation Solutions Team was able to approve an urgent move and award a Band 1. Within three weeks of the band 1 being awarded the applicant was successful in being nominated for a potentially suitable property on Hampshire Home Choice.

This case highlights perfectly that partnership working with other public bodies & professionals can make a significant difference to the outcome for our residents.

6. Health & Wellbeing

- 6.1. The Havant Health and Wellbeing Partnership is continuing to work together to address the health inequalities that are across the borough. Officers are working on a pilot project with Strawberry Health PCN and 'Switched on Havant' to support some of their most vulnerable patients with 'Warmth on Prescription'
- 6.2. Health and Community partners are driving forward with the Havant project to address the prevalence of cardiovascular disease (CVD) by increasing the numbers of residents that are checking their blood pressure. This is being encouraged in locations outside GP surgeries and a surgery pod will be moving into the Horizon Health Hub in the Meridian Centre.
- 6.3. Officers continue to collaborate with HCC Public Health and HCC Adult Social Care on targeted funded projects such as 'Middle Years', Whole System approach to obesity and 'Live Longer Better'. Officers are working with the Hampshire and IOW Integrated Care Board to try and secure more

resource to support Havant’s health agenda. It is increasingly being recognised and accepted that boroughs and districts have a vital role to play in supporting the health outcomes of their residents.

7. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

7.1. Strategic CIL

We were inviting expressions of interest/bids for Strategic CIL from Infrastructure Providers in the Borough. The closing date was 21st November 2023.

More information is available here: [Community infrastructure levy spending process | Havant Borough Council](#). Decisions on Strategic CIL spending will be concluded alongside the budget setting process allowing Capital expenditure to be captured appropriately.

Neighbourhood Portion CIL

We are pleased to be able to provide a summary of Neighbourhood Portion CIL spent since 1/9/23:

Ref	Name and Description	Date Funding Approved	Amount
247	Front Lawn Play Area	01/08/2022	£112,368

Delivery of this project was more fully reported in the Cabinet Lead report of 26th July 2023. Below is a photo of the completed project:



The following provisional allocation of Neighbourhood Portion CIL has also been made pending further details of the project and delivery:

Ref	Project title	Provisional allocation
297	Underpass Contribution in Emsworth	£9,000

The provisional allocation of these funds means the majority of the Neighbourhood Portion CIL funds for 1/4/23 – 31/3/24 have been committed.

7.2. S106

There is no up-to-date news to report on S106 spending presently.

Our public facing Exacom System (which we use to monitor Developer Contributions) provides up-to-date information on CIL and S106 income and expenditure and can be viewed via this link: <https://pfm.exacom.co.uk/havant/>.

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Notice of Motion to Council

Title: Net Zero Homes

Background Text / Context:

This Council recognises the need for mitigation against further releases of carbon into the atmosphere, which is adding to the change in the world's climate.

This Council's Housing Delivery Position Statement already includes the design quality standard, which seeks a 19% improvement over current building regulations, in carbon emissions of new developments.

The Council's Design Guide is being updated to include advice on low carbon design and energy efficiency in future buildings, both residential and industrial, in our borough.

However, these two statement documents go beyond the policies of our current Local Plan, dated 2011.

The Motion:

I therefore call upon Members to:

1. Support the further collection of evidence regarding the feasibility and viability of low carbon design and energy efficient buildings, through the use of renewable technologies such as:
 - i) solar energy
 - ii) air- and ground-source heat
 - iii) grey water harvesting
 - iv) wall and roof insulation
 - v) orientation of buildings within layout plans
2. Support the Local Plan pursuing as aspirational a policy approach as feasibly possible to addressing climate change mitigation and adaptation, using the evidence base, which will stand up to any challenge from the development industry, and
3. Request that the Cabinet Lead for Planning and Climate Change write to government asking that the NPPF be updated in this regard.

Proposed by: Cllr Elizabeth Lloyd

Seconded by: Cllr David Keast

Date Submitted: 01 November 2023

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Notice of Motion to Council

Title: Support for Community Pharmacies

Background Text / Context: Community Pharmacies perform a vital, cost effective role in the health of areas like Havant. There are now just 11,000 community chemists operating in England – the lowest number since 2015.

Millions of people and families rely on their local pharmacies for over-the-counter everyday medicines, regular prescriptions and reassuring advice on a walk-in basis. For those with especially busy or difficult lives, pharmacies are often the closest and most accessible place to get health advice. For those who may struggle to engage with appointment-only services, a chance pop-in can save lives.

Community pharmacies in Havant are a vital part of our local health services and our high streets. Community pharmacies can improve people's health and reduce pressure on NHS hospitals and GPs. With many local residents finding it more difficult to get face to face GP appointments, and other health services stretched beyond breaking point, it is more important than ever that the Government supports community pharmacies to ensure medicines, clinical services and medical advice can be accessed locally.

The most recent data for Havant shows that every month community pharmacies process 131,310 prescriptions for local people in the Havant constituency. However, since 2016, 3 pharmacies have been closed in Havant Constituency and 4 in the area of Meon Valley that falls within our Borough. That is a 20% reduction, putting immense pressure on pharmacies that are already stretched with increased patient demand, rising operational costs and reduced Government support.

The Motion:

Members are requested to instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to;

- a) Request urgent emergency funding to keep pharmacies in Havant open, and reverse closures where they are needed.
- b) Empower local fully qualified pharmacists with greater prescribing rights and public health advisory responsibilities, to prevent costly and avoidable hospital admissions and free up GP time to focus on more urgent requests.
- c) Develop a long-term plan for pharmacy services to put them on a sustainable financial footing, building on the 'Pharmacy First' approach in Scotland.
- d) Conduct a government review of the pressures facing pharmacies in England to assess the impact of pharmacy closures.

Proposed by: Cllr Philippa Gray

Seconded by: Cllr Gilliam Harris

Date Submitted: 13 November 2023

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