

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

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

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

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##### **Corporate Strategy**

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

##### **Finance**

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

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

##### **CCTV**

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