

Cabinet Lead Reports – Council 18 February 2015

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Coastal Management & Climate Change

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

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

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

Planning Peer Review

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

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

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

Planning Development

Major Developments – Progress update

Development Consultation Forums

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

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

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

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

Solent Retail Park, Solent Road

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

Land west of Horndean Road, Emsworth

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

Land north of Bartons Road, Havant

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

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

Land north of Portsdown Hill Road, Bedhampton

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

BaE site, Elettra Avenue, Waterlooville

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

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

Land adjacent to Langstone Technology Park, Langstone Road, Havant

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

West of Waterlooville MDA and environs

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

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

Planning Policy

Prosperity Havant

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

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

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

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

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

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

Car Parking Guidance

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

Building Control

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

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

Economic Development

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

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

2015 Events Programme

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

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

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

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

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

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

Business Start-up Grants

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