

Cabinet Lead Report – Council 14 October 2015

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Housing Enabling

Homelessness Prevention continues to be our priority – During Q2 we have prevented 252 households from becoming homeless – on target.

18 clients placed in B&B this quarter, with 6 still in at end of September. (4 of these are single and considered vulnerable for age/health reasons)

Each month the team has seen just over 500 customers visiting the Plaza for housing related advice

New Affordable Housing Delivery details Q2 June – September 2015.

This Q2 saw the delivery of:

Tenure	Number	Development	Registered Provider	Property details
Affordable Rent	6	Wellington Park Waterlooville	Radian	5 no 3B Houses 1 no 2B Flat
	9	Coopers Grange Havant	Guinness	3 no 1B Flats 6 no 2B Houses
	6	Park Grange, Bedhampton	Guinness	2 no 2B Houses 4 no 3B Houses
Total	21			

Tenure	Number	Development	Registered Provider	Property details
Shared Ownership	2	Coopers Grange Havant	Guinness	2 no 2B Flats
	2	Park Grange Bedhampton	Guinness	2 no 3B Houses
Total	4			

In addition there have been **9 Help to Buy Equity Loan completions** during the quarter however this figure is subject to revision as we are awaiting official figures from the DCLG.

This gives cumulative figures for the year so far as:

A/Rent	41
S/Ownership	24
HTB	48
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Total	113

Future developments with delivery before end of March 2016 include:

- **Pipits Mews, Barncroft Way, Havant** 5 Affordable Rent
5 Shared Ownership
- **Halyards, Hayling Island** 10 Affordable Rent
10 Shared Ownership
- **Wellington Park, Waterlooville** 14 Affordable Rent
7 Shared Ownership
- **Park Grange, Bedhampton** 2 Affordable Rent
- **Ranelagh Road, Bedhampton** 10 Affordable Rent
2 Shared Ownership
- **Berewood, Waterlooville Phase 2** 3 Social Rents
3 Grainger Lets (Intermediate Rents)
4 Shared Ownership
- **325 Milton Road** 25 Affordable Rented Apartments

This gives a projected 2015/2016 delivery total figure of 188 (but with additional Help to Buy Equity Loan completions as the figures become available).

Community Development

Christmas 2015

Waterlooville Christmas Festival

This event is organised by the Waterlooville Community Forum Events Team and will be held in the town centre on Saturday 21st November from 4pm to 6 pm. The event will include a number of musical performances, children's activities, market craft stalls and a procession through the Town Centre. The Mayor will switch on the Christmas tree lights.

Mengham Christmas lights switch on will take place on 4th December at 5pm, from 430pm the road will be closed and there will be a fun fair, Christmas carols, stalls and the shops will have a late night shopping until 8pm. This is co-ordinated by Mengham Traders Association and Hayling Lions Club.

Emsworth Christmas lights switch on,

This event is organised by the Emsworth Business Association, and will take place on 27th November at 5pm with Carols being sung around the tree and Father Christmas arriving on a sleigh.

Leigh Park Christmas lights switch on The event is organised by a group of volunteers who run the Leigh Park Christmas Grotto in conjunction with the Leigh Park Traders Association, on Thursday 26th November 4.30pm There will be a Lantern Procession with Father Christmas, Carols around the tree and other activities.

The HBC Waterlooville Community Development Facebook page has over 3,000 followers and continues to be an effective way of communicating information to residents.

Leigh Park Network meetings

These meetings continue to provide opportunities for organisations to achieve outcomes through networking, with 35 attendees at the last meeting in September 2015.

The Leigh Park Community Led Planning group organised a successful 'Clean up for Summer Week' from 13th - 19th July with over 240 volunteers involved in collecting over 100 bags of litter.

Play Parks

Both Mengham Park Hayling and Elizabeth Road Waterlooville play parks have now been completed. Mengham Park was driven by the community group 'Play Parks for Hayling', who secured external funding for the project from the likes of Veolia and the Co-op.

Mengham Park was officially opened by the Mayor of Havant on the 15th August.

Havant Borough Council Youth Conference 2016

The second annual Youth Conference will take place in March 2016 at The Plaza. The event will focus on 'life skills' and include topics such as budgeting, internet safety, substance misuse, healthy life styles and democracy for pupils in school years nine and ten.

Civic Day

The Mayor of Havant enjoyed a successful Civic Day on 4th September and was able to showcase some of the great leisure facilities available in the borough. The visit included the new development of Waterlooville Leisure Centre. The three storey gym and children's play centre which is now fully operational and proving to be very successful with local residents.

Sport & Leisure**National Watersports Festival**

The National Watersports Festival took place from Friday 4th September to Sunday 6th September. This year there were a record number of taster sessions provided by Portsmouth Watersports Centre. 120 local residents took advantage of participating in either windsurfing, stand up paddle boarding or kayaking.

The Virgin Kitesurfing Armada and Festival is confirmed for the weekend of 16-18 October on Hayling Island.

Health and Wellbeing

The Public Health funded project TARGET is designed to increase participation in sustainable activity and to educate regarding healthy lifestyle choices, in relation to nutrition and physical activity. This project is targeted at Lone Parents and Older People and a variety of activities have been delivered to tackle physical inactivity within these groups.

The beginners running project 'Couch to 5k' continues to be a success with over 50 participants taking part in the two September courses. Seven courses are planned for 2016.

A new Target project started 7th October 11am – 12pm at Front Lawn Recreation Ground "Fitness in The Park" weekly outdoor exercise classes.
Have fun and get fit £2.50 per session

Both The Spring & Making Space are working in the community on different projects to help improve the health & wellbeing of our residents through creativity.

Culture

The Spring: There are lots of exciting things going on at The Spring, from Bands, Workshops, Music, Comedy and Theatre. There is a new play coming to The Spring on Thursday 29 October 2015.

Inspired by real stories, One Last Waltz is a new production about living with Alzheimer's.

Although not suitable for people with dementia, it is an ideal performance for those caring for people or people who are interested in the subject. Featuring the Blackpool Tower Ballroom it has a nice link for any fans of Strictly too!

Making Space: Have different creative classes for children & young people, adults and children with additional needs. The classes include silver jewellery making, ceramics, screen printing and lots more. There are also studios where artists work out of, based in Leigh Park you can go and have a look round.

Wemsfest Arts Festival

The festival is from 1-18th October there is still time to see some of the events. Something rather special is happening in Emsworth with the gasholder. This structure is slowly being dismantled over the next few months. On 24th & 25th October at 8pm Wemsfest are projecting a series of images onto the gasholder and

you can watch and listen on headphones to Pink Floyd and others, to selected mood music. Not to be missed.

Safer Havant Partnership

Supporting Troubled Families

Currently there are 87 families nominated to Phase two of the project. The target is for 140 families by July 2016. Currently the scheme is available to families who meet at least two of the following criteria.

- Unemployment
- Poor School attendance
- Crime/Anti Social Behaviour,
- At risk of financial exclusion,
- Poor Health
- Domestic Abuse