

## Cabinet Lead Reports – Council December 9<sup>th</sup> 2015

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#### Housing Enabling,

Affordable Housing Development Update

Development so far this financial year:

|               | Affordable Rent | Shared Ownership | Help to Buy | <i>Totals</i> |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Q1(Apr-June)  | 20              | 20               | 39          | <i>79</i>     |
| Q2(July-Sept) | 21              | 4                | 9           | <i>34</i>     |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>41</i>       | <i>24</i>        | <i>48</i>   | <i>113</i>    |

#### **Target for 2015/2016 200 units**

Q3 (end of December 2015) anticipated:

16 Affordable Rent

7 Shared Ownership

#### **Q4 (end March 2016) anticipated:**

50 Affordable Rent

19 Shared Ownership

These additional completions will give a 2015/2016 total of **205**.

Help to Buy completions data from the DCLG for Q2 will not be available until mid December 2015. Due to these figures being released almost 3 months after the periods to which they refer revisions to future quarterly figures are unavoidable.

#### **Developments recently completed:**

- Scratchface Lane (Guinness Partnership)
- Wellington Park Phases 3&4 (Radian)
- Cooper Grange (Guinness Partnership)

#### **Developments currently under construction:**

- **Pipits Mews, Barncroft Way, Havant.**  
5 Affordable Rent units and 5 Shared Ownership units constructed by Bellway for Aster Communities. Final completion before March 2016.
- **Halyards, Goldring Close, Hayling Island**  
25 Affordable Rent units, 14 Shared Ownership units constructed by Bellway for Aster Communities. Final completions February 2017.
- **325 Milton Road, Cowplain**  
25 Affordable Rent units, constructed by Foreman Homes for Stonewater HA. Final completion anticipated February 2016.
- **One Eight Zero, Bedhampton**  
7 Affordable Rent units and 7 Shared Ownership units constructed by David Wilson Homes for First Wessex HA. Final completions anticipated before March 2016.

- **Ranelagh Road Phase 2, Havant**  
12 Affordable Rent units and 12 Shared Ownership units constructed by Foreman Homes for Radian HA. Final completions expected throughout 2016.
- **St. Andrews House, West Street, Havant**  
8 Affordable Rent units and 16 Rent to Buy units (a first for HBC) constructed by Balfour Beatty for Radian HA. Completions expected throughout 2016.
- **Berewood Phase 2**  
98 Affordable units split equally between Social Rent, Affordable Rent, Grainger Lets and Shared Ownership, constructed by Redrow Homes for Grainger Trust. Final completions expected to 2017.

## **Pipeline developments:**

- Wellington Park Phase 5, Waterlooville- 41 affordable units. Permitted.
- Station Road, Hayling Island. Full application submitted.
- 9-11 St Georges Walk, Waterlooville, 14 affordable units. Permitted
- Former Wessex site, New Lane, Havant, 39 affordable units. Pre-application stage.
- Land North of Barton Road. Permitted.
- Land South of Bartons Road. Pre-application stage
- Oak Park Wellbeing Campus. Full application submitted.
- Padnell Grange. Pre-application stage.
- Woodcroft Farm. Permitted

## **B&B Accommodation**

We currently have 9 in B&B (four are singles 3 male and one female) The rest are families but this changes weekly. We are looking for alternatives for them but struggling with the vacancies in the private sector.

## **Community Development**

### **Community**

The Hayling Island Community Centre Association have completed Stage 3 of the Big Lottery application for 'The Hub' project and are hopeful that final monies will be awarded in December 2015. This grant will cover the majority of the costs for the new extension. The total cost of this project is £590,946, £499,946 being Lottery funding. The centre has raised a further £60,000 and £31,000 has been awarded through a development grant.

The Central Havant Network will now be chaired by Councillor Pike with support from the Community Team to co-ordinate meetings. Attendees felt they were a valuable opportunity to develop close relationships with local partners, services and community groups working in the Havant area.

The HBC Waterlooville Community Development Facebook page has over 3,000 followers and has proved to be a very effective way of communicating information to residents ([www.facebook.com/communitywaterlooville](http://www.facebook.com/communitywaterlooville)). The community Twitter account has been adapted to cover the whole of Havant borough. ([www.twitter.com/communityHBC](http://www.twitter.com/communityHBC))

The Community Development Network continues to meet quarterly, members who work in a community focused role use this network to improve communication, share resources, reduce duplication and offer 'added value' to projects and services.

The Leigh Park Network meetings continue to be a useful way for local agencies to network, with 37 attendees at the November meeting.

The 'Leigh Park What's On' Facebook page run by the Community Team is another useful way to disseminate information locally

Extensive research into a Youth Mayor Scheme took place over recent months. It was evident that similar schemes have a support network in place to maintain this type of initiative. Havant Borough Council no longer employs a Youth Officer or co-ordinates a Youth Council, and without this resource are unable to adopt the scheme. HBC will continue to build upon the links with the Sea Cadets promoting the positive role they play in the community

Havant Youth Conference 2016 will take place on 4th March 2016 at the Plaza. The event will focus on 'life skills' and include topics such as budgeting, internet safety, substance misuse, healthy lifestyles and democracy for pupils in school years nine and ten (ages 14 & 15). There will be inspirational guest speakers as well as a Councillor question and answer session. Last year's event was a huge success, with over eighty pupils from all senior schools across the borough attending.

## **Events**

The Electric Blanket Testing event was held in October in partnership with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service at Havant Fire Station. 60 blankets were tested in total and residents were informed about other relevant services to access.

The Waterlooville Community Forum Events Team organised a Christmas event and light switch on in the Town Centre on Saturday 22nd November which was a great success..

The Christmas Grotto will be held at Waterlooville Library opens on 12th December – 24th December.

Monthly bandstand performances continue to take place in the Town Centre and are proving to be popular with local shoppers. The group continue to work and develop relationships with local businesses, with the aim of building a sense of community and increasing footfall to the area.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November, saw The Lantern Procession, switch on of Christmas trees lights and grotto opening in Leigh Park shopping centre which was very well received by residents and traders alike.

HBC have recently recruited a Community Officer (Events) post who will coordinate the community events administration process as well as HBC run events. The post holder will start in mid December.

## **Health and Wellbeing**

The Public Health funded project, previously titled TARGET, is now titled 'Make a Change'. All marketing materials has been designed to reflect this campaign to increase participation in sustainable activity, still targeted at Lone Parents and Older People.

There will be a Make a Change Partner / Provider Event on November 26<sup>th</sup> to inform about the project and ask for buy in from attendees. With 25 partners attending,

The Ping Pong sessions have been a great success at Springwood Community Centre with numbers continuing to increase." A Better Balance for Life Workshop" was recently held at Cowplain Borrow Centre. 15 attended and as a result a class has now been set up at Springwood Community Centre alongside the Ping Pong and will start in late November 2015.

The British Cycling programme Breeze has taken off in the Havant area, with a monthly ride planned in.

Rounder's for women in Leigh Park has started and over the winter sessions will be hosted at Park Community School. Healthy Eating and Nutrition workshops are to be set up in partnership with Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service in both Havant and Waterlooville.

The Couch to 5K beginners running programme has finished for 2015, with over 200 participants taking part this year. Seven courses are planned for 2016 and participants can also access a regular running session in Emsworth formed out of the scheme.

### **Leisure Infrastructure**

Our Leisure Officer continues to develop the sport and leisure facility improvement project at Front Lawn recreation Ground, Leigh Park. The planning application has now been submitted with a target date for decision in January. A funding application for £265,000 has been submitted to Sport England to help achieve the shortfall in funding for the project. This funding process is on going and a decision will be due in April 2016. Our Leisure Officer continues to work with colleagues in procurement to develop a structure for the operation and management of the site.

Our Leisure Officer has been working with Havant Junior Squash Club to identify suitable facilities for the continuation of their operation following their move from Havant Rugby Club.

An initial trial agreement is now in place at Havant Leisure Centre to develop squash in Havant and grow the junior offer.

Havant Borough Council has recently recruited a Community Officer (Leisure & Sport). This role will support the work of the Senior Leisure Officer, to improve existing and develop new sport and leisure facilities and to work with partners to improve access to sport & leisure opportunities across the borough.

### **Art and Culture**

The Hayling Billy Heritage Project has been selected as one of the Heritage Lottery funded projects forming part of a showcase for local MP Alan Mak. Officers from the Heritage Lottery Fund, alongside members of the Partnership, will be spending time with the MP and meeting with volunteers who have been involved.

So far the project team have successfully carried out resurfacing to a section of the Billy Line, the restoration of the last remaining signal, established a volunteer conservation group and completed an oral history project. Interpretation boards and leisure trail are currently being designed along with an education pack to support the new website. A celebration of the project will be held in the Spring 2016

The West of Waterlooville Art Advisory Panel are working with Future City and Wayward, a London-based collective of art, landscape and architecture professionals on an exciting public art commission which will form the gateway to the new Berewood Development in Waterlooville. Funded by planning contributions from developer Grainger PLC, the programme will feature a living sculpture made of steel and growing oak trees and will form a centrepiece of the Berewood development. Wayward will work in close collaboration with local residents, schools, arts and heritage organisations and amenity groups, with a view to completing installation by the end of 2016.

Wayward's proposal, 'Grow, Grow, Grow Your Boat', is an adventurous project that explores the maritime history of the ancient woodland of the Forest of Bere that surrounds the development. The proposal draws from the integral role of the forest's oak trees in shipbuilding from the 16th to 18th centuries and ties this history to forest schools, natural play, living architecture and sustainable water systems. Place-making and public art agency Futurecity are curating and managing the project on behalf of the West of Waterlooville Arts Advisory Panel, which includes elected district and parish councillors as well as technical officers from each Council.

The Spring Arts & Heritage Centre In 2014/15 151,800 visitors come to their building – an increase of 16% on the previous year. In that year they ran events and projects in 11 of Havant Borough's 14 wards.

Their focus continues to be on presenting high quality cultural events both in the building and across the Borough. In addition to their regular programme of live events, workshops and exhibitions they have run and managed projects including:

### **Dr Longitude's Marvellous Imaginary Menagerie**

In the summer The Spring managed four free outdoor performances of Dr Longitude's Marvellous Imaginary Menagerie. These took place in Hayling Park and at Staunton Country Park. Over two days over 1000 people saw the shows and took part in the accompanying free activities, which included circus skills workshops and face painting. At each event there was a really positive festival atmosphere and we were delighted to see some local Councillors, the police and other partners come along.

This project was funded by Arts Council, England and the Foyle Foundation.

### **Pop Up Flashback Library Tour**

In November the Spring toured a professional theatre show about reading and poetry to Waterloo Library, Hayling Island Library, Leigh Park Library and Emsworth Community Centre. Included in this tour was a special performance at Hayling Island Library for Mengham Infant School. Over the week of the tour over 120 people saw the show.

This project was funded by Arts Council, England and the Foyle Foundation.

### **Partnership with Park Community School**

The Spring are working in partnership with Park Community School and have now held two near sell-out events in their new theatre space. They are planning further work with them in the next year as this is a great way of helping them develop the use of their space and gives The Spring a chance to reach more audiences.

### **E-safety Project**

The Spring have just received some funding to run a project that uses drama and film to educate children about the importance of e-safety. As part of the Local Children's Partnership for our area they know that this is a big concern to teachers and that there have been some really concerning issues around e-safety within the Borough.

The project will take place with children in the summer term and has been funded by the Police Crime Commissioner.

### **Other work with Schools**

Since September 2015 they have

- Started a new music and drama project with Horndean Technology College. They are running workshops in the schools which will lead to 15 young people achieving their Arts Awards and performing at The Spring before the start of a professional theatre production
- Organised a free poetry and performance workshop at Park Community School

In Spring 2016 we will be

- Working with Park Community School, Purbrook Park School and St Peter's Primary on a transition project that sees children in years 6 & 7 create street theatre performances inspired by Shakespeare
- Offering two free workshops to schools (one drama and citizenship and the one dance)
- Presenting two performances for primary schools

### **Transport Project**

From January to April 2016 The Spring will be trailing a new scheme that will see them provide free transport to some of their events. They want to encourage older and isolated people to come to their venue, so will be arranging free taxi collections from local libraries for 8 events. They are currently recruiting volunteers to travel in the taxis with the audience members.

### **Family Festival 2016**

Following on from their successful Family Festival in 2015 they are planning another one for February 2016. They will hold free events in two Borough locations (they hope these will be Wecock Farm and Bedhampton, but this will depend on funding) and will distribute free craft packs for families to undertake at home. Everyone who comes to the free events or who takes a craft pack will receive a discount for a professional theatre performance at The Spring.

The theme of the festival is 'My Pet Monster and Me' and throughout half term they will use this theme for an interactive family trail throughout the museum. As part of this they have arranged for the Hayling Swamp Cat to join their museum collection permanently.

### **Making Space**

Making Space - Outreach & Special Projects to date have involved 706 people in 69 events and workshops and worked with 54 makers and artists and created 10 volunteering opportunities.

Make your Mark – with vulnerable and at risk young people is nearing its end now, The group held its last creative session with an end of project exhibition which contributed to their Explore Arts Award. These young people are from varied backgrounds and all have had the opportunity to progress their creative skills. The sessions has raised the young people confidence levels and new friendships have been gained.

Reach Out programme for young people with additional educational needs

Reach Out has been progressing very well The Summer School Sessions were all fully booked. Two more workshops during half term, both workshops were lead by Making Space tenants. The young people had a go at gilding and creating a 3D painted canvas both tenant and participants enjoyed their selves immensely.

Another session has been booked for December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Studio Vacancy - One artist has vacated her studio and Making Space has 4 applications for the studio space.

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