

Cabinet Lead Reports –Full Council 17th February 2016

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Housing Enabling

Currently there are 7 families and 3 single people in B&B – 3 are awaiting accommodation through Hampshire Home Choice 7 are awaiting decisions pending investigation.

The team carried out 876 successful homelessness prevention interviews

There has been a press release on Syrian Refugees and a request for possible properties – properties that we would not normally have access to such as Church owned houses – no response to date.

Hampshire Home Choice – we are currently working on an IT upgrade for HHC this year which will make access and registering quicker for the customer.

Affordable Housing Development Update

January 28th 2016

Development so far this financial year:

	Affordable Rent	Shared Ownership	Help to Buy	Totals
Q1(Apr-June)	20	20	39	79
Q2(July-Sept)	21	4	9	34
Q3 (Oct-Dec)	15	14	Unknown at this stage, awaiting DCLG official figures due March 2016.	29
Totals	56	38	48	142

Target for 2015/2016 200 units

Q4 (end March 2016) anticipated:

27 Affordable Rent

19 Shared Ownership

1 Intermediate Rent (Grainger Let on Berewood Phase 2, Waterlooville MDA)

3 Social Rent

These additional completions will give a 2015/2016 total of **192**.

Help to Buy completions data from the DCLG for Q3 will not be available until mid March 2016. Due to these figures being released almost 3 months after the periods to which they refer revisions to future quarterly figures are unavoidable.

It is anticipated that with Help to Buy Equity Loan figures included in delivery figures the target of 200 will be exceeded.

Developments recently completed:

- **Pipits Mews, Havant** Former Barncroft Infants School (Aster Communities)

Developments currently under construction:

- **Halyards, Goldring Close, Hayling Island**
25 Affordable Rent units, 14 Shared Ownership units constructed by Bellway for Aster Communities. Phased completions throughout 2016/ 2017.
- **325 Milton Road, Cowplain Former Filling Station**
25 Affordable Rent units, constructed by Foreman Homes for Stonewater HA. Final completion slipped to April 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. Full application submitted, consultation stage, but viability issues.
- Land North of Barton Road. Permitted.
- Land South of Bartons Road. Full application submitted consultation stage.
- Oak Park Wellbeing Campus. Full application submitted.
- Padnell Grange. Pre-application stage.
- Woodcroft Farm. Permitted

Communities

1.0 Art and Culture

1.1 The Hayling Billy Heritage Project was 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 spent time with the MP and meet with volunteers 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. A celebration of the project will be held in Spring 2016.

2.0 Community

2.1 The HBC Waterlooville Community Facebook page now has over 3,600 followers and proves to be a very effective way of communicating information to residents (www.facebook.com/communitywaterlooville). The Community Team Twitter account has been adapted to cover the whole of Havant borough. (www.twitter.com/communityHBC).

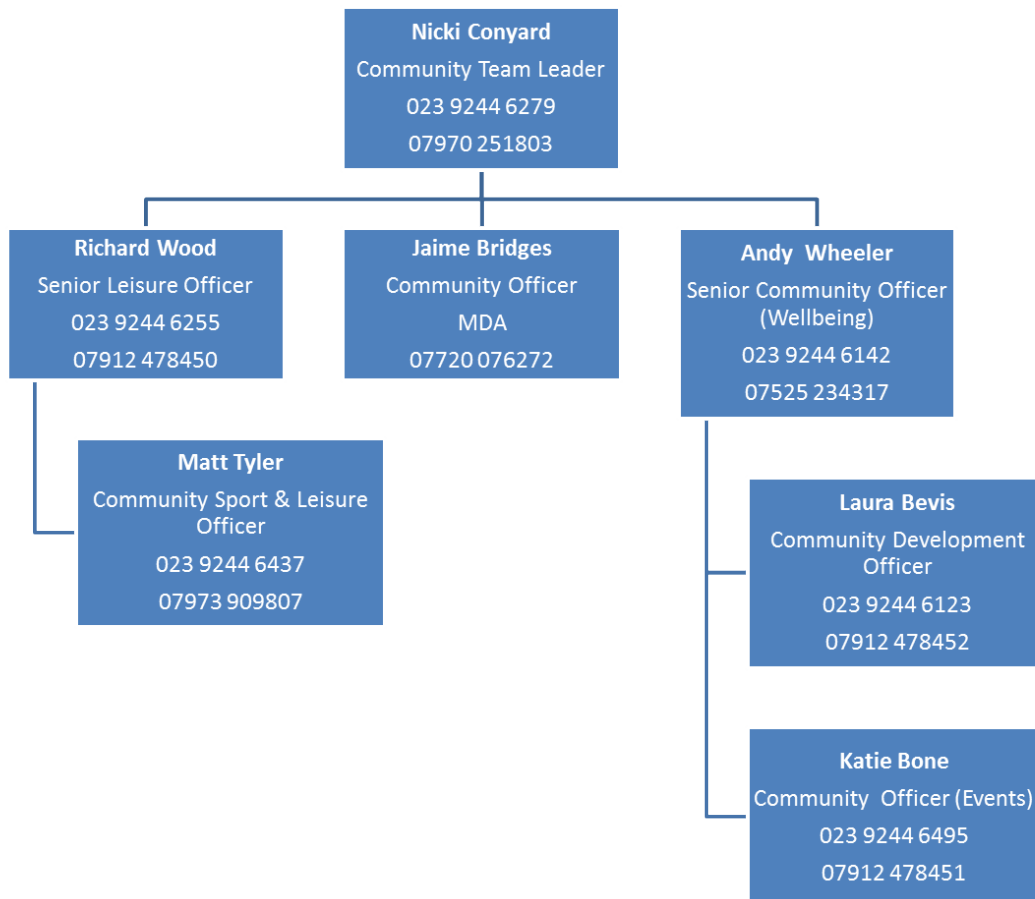
2.2 Planning for the Havant Youth Conference 2016 is underway with the event taking place on 4th March at the Plaza. The conference will focus on 'life skills' and include topics such as budgeting, internet safety, healthy lifestyles and democracy for pupils in school years nine and ten (ages 14 & 15). All 10 secondary schools have now signed up to attend. There will be inspirational guest speakers, including Havant MP Alan Mac, as well as a Councillor question and answer session and an 'Approved By You' style voting activity.

2.3 The Team have been working in partnership with Community First to support the Leigh Park Community Association through a current period of significant change.

2.4 Officers recently carried out a mapping exercise of all community buildings in the Emsworth area to determine what community provision is being provided from the various locations.

2.5 The Community Team have been through a service review and below is the new Community Team Structure

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3.0 Events

3.1 The Community Officer (Events) commenced their employment in December 2015. The Officer will co-ordinate the community events administration process as well as HBC run events. They have initially spent time reviewing the current process used and have administered a number of events taking place in 2016.

4.0 Health and Wellbeing

4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board meeting took place in December 2015. The Deputy Director of Public Health was in attendance and received presentations regarding the three Public Health funding projects in Havant. They were particularly positive about the Havant projects and pleased with the outcomes achieved.

4.2 The Couch to 5K beginners running programme for 2017 is underway with seven courses being run in 2016. To date over 300 participants have engaged with the scheme and once completed attendees can also access a regular running session in Emsworth.

4.3 The Breastfeeding Town Centre Welcome Scheme project has now been completed, however information about the scheme and those establishments signed up is still available on the HBC website. www.havant.gov.uk/breastfeeding

5.0 Leisure Infrastructure

5.1 The Senior Leisure Officer continues to develop the sport and leisure facility improvement project at Front Lawn recreation Ground, Leigh Park. The project now has full planning approval which was agreed on 17th December 2015. Officers continue to work towards securing the shortfall in funding. Sport England notified the Senior Leisure Officer that HBC's £265,000 application to the Improvement fund had been successful in reaching the final stage, 1 of only 28 projects nationally. The final stage of this application is due to be submitted in March. The project team continue to work up the procurement process to identify the operator for the site and the contractor for the build.

5.2 The Senior Leisure Officer and Community Sport and Leisure Officer have been working with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to carry out an options appraisal relating to the management and maintenance of HBC's park tennis sites. Initial discussions are exploring a number of operational models that could see the sites managed more effectively as well as a potential opportunity for some capital investment.

5.3 The Community Sport and Leisure Officer is supporting Play Parks for Hayling to create a piece of community artwork at Mengham Play Park. This will involve working in partnership with a charitable organisation to develop the artwork which will be led through community consultation.

5.4 The Community Sport and Leisure Officer organised a 'Club Matters' workshop for local sports clubs to attend at the Plaza on 8th December. This workshop was themed on marketing and aimed to help sports clubs become more self sufficient. The workshop engaged with nearly 40 people and was deemed a success. An additional two workshops have been identified by Sport Hampshire and are due to be delivered in March 2016.

Safer Havant Partnership

Supporting Troubled Families Programme continues to work in partnership with partner organisations to help families in the borough and to date has been extremely successful and effective. Families that have multiple and complex problems, for example children not attending school, adult mental health problems, unemployment and ASB to name but a few.

Havant was the pilot supported by our CEO Sandy Hopkins driving the programme forward; our team of Tim Pointer, Harriett Scotney and Hannah Buckingham drive it on the ground to make it work. The programme is now rolling out over Hampshire.

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