

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 13 April 2016

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Housing enabling

The housing team continue to be extremely busy; as you will see from the report.

During Q4 - 16 households have been placed into B&B. The reasons why people have spent so long in B&B is due to investigations into their homelessness, lack of availability in the private sector and complex situations.

We have well and truly exceeded our homeless prevention target and actually achieved 1000 against a target of 950 – this has been achieved through mediation, court work, partnership working and supporting customers to consider all their options.

Over the year 2015/16 we have nominated 352 households to social and affordable tenancies through Hampshire Home Choice

Through Q4 the team saw 1414 customers with housing queries at the Plaza, and 55 in one day.

Affordable Housing Development End of year report

March 24th 2016

New Affordable Housing completions during this financial year 2015/2016:

	Affordable Rent	Shared Ownership	Social Rent	Intermediate Rent Grainger Lets	Help to Buy	Totals
Q1(Apr-June)	20	20			39	79
Q2(July-Sept)	21	4			9	34
Q3(Oct-Dec)	15	14			6)	84
Q4(Jan-Mar '16)	27	26	3	1	55	57
Totals	83	64	3	1	103	254

Q4 (end March 2016) anticipated delivery was as follows:

- 27 Affordable Rent
- 19 Shared Ownership
- 1 Intermediate Rent (Grainger Let on Berewood Phase 2, Waterlooville MDA)
- 3 Social Rent

Actual completions included an *extra 7 Shared Ownership units* across Berewood Phase 2 and Ranelagh Road, Bedhampton therefore increasing the figure of 192* reported in the previous quarterly update.

The target for 2015/2016 of 200 units has been exceeded by 54 units;

Affordable housing developments fully completed and occupied 2015/2016:

- Pipits Mews, Havant- Bellway (Aster Communities)
- Wellington Park, Waterlooville- Taylor Wimpey (Radian)
- Nursery Fields, Denvilles- Barratts (First Wessex)
- Park Grange, Bedhampton- Crayfern (Guinness Partnership)
- Coopers Grange, Havant – Bloor (Guinness Partnership)
- 180 Degrees, Bedhampton- David Wilson (First Wessex)

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

25 Affordable Rent units, constructed by Foreman Homes for Stonewater HA. Final completion now slipped to May 2016 from April 2016. Bad weather and sub-contractor issues sited.

• One Eight Zero, Bedhampton

7 Affordable Rent units and 7 Shared Ownership units constructed by David Wilson Homes for First Wessex HA. All affordable units now handed over to First Wessex.

• 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. Handover dates have slipped due to slow sales on site which has affected the phasing of the build.

• 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 2018 with phased handovers throughout 2016 and 2017.

Pipeline developments:

- Wellington Park Phase 5, Waterlooville- 41 affordable units. Permitted. Taylor Wimpey in partnership with Stonewater HA. The site area falls within Winchester City Council administrative area however Havant applicants to Hampshire Home Choice make up the majority of new tenants due to arrangements with WCC.
- Station Road, Hayling Island. Permitted and under construction but no Registered Provider in contract for the 23 Affordable units secured by the s106 agreement.
- 9-11 St Georges Walk, Waterlooville, 14 affordable units. Permitted and construction commenced. Delays due to issues with Southern Water.
- Former Wessex site, New Lane, Havant, possible 12 affordable units. Full application submitted, but viability issues claimed and report has been sent for third party appraisal.

- Land North of Barton Road. Permitted. Galliford Try in negotiations with Radian for 14 affordable units.
- 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
- Market Parade. Possible 39 affordable units to be policy compliant. Outline application permitted. Viability issues claimed by applicant that preclude any affordable housing. Viability to be tested in due course as Reserved Matters application progresses.

Community Development

The Community Officers continue to co-ordinate networking opportunities for local community, public and third sector organisations, with the latest Leigh Park Network meeting hosting 39 attendees. .

The Community Officer (Events) is reviewing and currently updating the HBC event booking process. This will make it easier to use for event organiser and accessible from the website for members of the public.

Youth Conference

The second annual Youth Conference took place at the Plaza on the 4th March. Pupils aged 14 and 15 (Year nine and ten) from all ten senior schools across the borough attended the event where they met guest speakers:

- Alan Mak MP
- Zoe Jackson MBE
- Local charity Beat the Bullies.

The event focused on 'life skills' and included topics such as budgeting, internet safety, healthy lifestyles and democracy.

Students also had the opportunity to cast their vote for one of three projects in a special "Approved by You" scheme, which supports communities across the borough.

A Councillors' question time took place which provided pupils with the opportunity to engage with their local ward Councillors and discuss issues relevant to them and other young people. The 3rd event is set to take place in March 2017.

The National Careers Service, which provides information, advice and guidance on learning, training and work opportunities will be offering free employment support sessions to Veterans leaving the Armed Forces. Qualified Careers advisers will support Veterans with CV writing, confidence building and interview skills to enable them to gain suitable employment.

The National Lottery has awarded Hayling Island Community Centre a £499,946 grant for an extension to their building. Additional monies include £58,975 (fundraising) and £31,080 (Lottery development grant). The total cost of this project is £590,001 and work will commence shortly.

The Wecock Youth partnership is working with the Police and local agencies on a campaign to encourage residents to report drug related information. The partnership wants to highlight the harmful effects and consequences of drug use, especially amongst young people.

The Community Team social media accounts alongside resident emailing lists are still proving to be a cost effective and popular way of promoting community related information to thousands of residents across the Borough each week.

Leisure

The Senior Leisure Officer continues to develop the sport and leisure facility improvement project at Front Lawn recreation Ground, Leigh Park. All external funding applications have now been submitted totalling a potential £1.115 million capital investment. This total includes applications to Sport England, the FA and the Football Foundation. A final decision on all the external funding applications will be made by the end of May. The procurement process to identify a third party operator to manage the facility will then start in June.

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.

A feasibility study has identified that the three court site at Hayling Park is ideal to run a pilot study for the project. It is proposed that the courts will see a £15,000 investment to improve the quality as well as introducing an access and booking system. The pilot scheme will be operated in partnership with Hayling Island Community Centre.

The Community Sport and Leisure Officer has supported Play Parks for Hayling and the charity SEHCO to create a piece of community artwork at Mengham Play Park. This work has now been completed following community consultation and an opening event is due to take place on Wednesday 6th April.

Following the success of the 'Club Matters' workshops on 8th December, the Community Sport and Leisure Officer organised an additional two sessions in the month of March. The workshops are aimed at local sports clubs and covered such subjects as PR, Marketing and social media. The sessions have seen nearly 100 people attend the workshops, aimed to help sports clubs become more self sufficient.

Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The Senior Community Officer has been supporting the Leigh Park Community Led Planning Group with applying for funding for the installation of a defibrillator in Leigh Park Town Centre. A funding application has been submitted to Heart Research UK and the result of the bid will be announced at the end of April.

The Couch to 5K beginners running programme for 2016 continues to be successful, with approximately 15-30 participants signed up per course. To add to this further courses are being developed and run in different areas of the borough by other providers.

Local cafés and businesses continue to sign up to the breastfeeding welcome scheme hosted by HBC. In partnership with other health professionals a local breastfeeding awareness day will take place in Havant Town Centre during national breastfeeding week – 21st June.

Community Officers have been working alongside HR to help plan the staff Health and Wellbeing event talking place in the Plaza on Thursday 23rd June.

The Community Officer (Events) is organising an Older Person's event with community partners on Saturday 1st October (10:00-2:00) at Waterlooville Baptist Church. The event is being held on 'Older Peoples Day' and will be a celebration of age whilst providing a range of fun and engaging activities.

Leigh Park Community Centre

Following the surrender of the lease in January by the Community Association Community First has taken the lease for this community centre and will manage the Centre for the benefit of the community.

Former St John's Ambulance building, Hulbert Road, Waterlooville

Now occupied by TS Active, Formerly based at St Georges Church hall and have been looking for a permanent home for many years.

Wecock Big Local Group

Following the surrender of the lease of the Youth Wing at the Acorn Centre by Motiv8 the Wecock Big Local group are negotiating with the Community Association to occupy this part of the building

Havant Borough 50+ Forum

The 50+Forum has now folded and will dissolve their finances to another charity or voluntary organisation with similar aims. Communication can still be disseminated to previous members if required.

Shaping Hampshire – Hampshire County Council consultation event re developing a new Family Support Service at Waterlooville Community Centre on 21st April at 1pm

Leisure

Horizon Leisure Centre Waterlooville has won "Gym Of The Year" competition run by The News, voted for by the public. Last year Havant Horizon Leisure Centre won the prestigious award.

The play zone in Havant has been re furnished too, it has exciting 4 storey indoor play centre, called Horizon Oceans of Play.

The theme is a great setting to get children's imaginations running wild and allows them to begin their adventure on the high seas. The huge galleon provides great excitement with the lower deck and underwater areas. The toddler's submarine and bouncy sea creatures give the little ones their own safe and secure play area giving parents piece of mind.'

Somewhere to visit, with the children and grandchildren.

Safer Havant Partnership – Supporting Troubled Families

Harriet Scotney has been recognised for her outstanding contribution to the community in a county-wide awards ceremony.

The High Sheriff Awards are a mark of distinction and recognition given to public servants, individual volunteers and community groups based in Hampshire who are making a significant contribution to society

The awards were presented at a ceremony in the Great Hall in Winchester.

This year 11 individuals and seven community groups and organisation's received certificates for the work they do in keeping our neighbourhood's safe.

Many of these individuals go beyond the call of duty in their everyday work offering support and services within their communities.

Harriet Scotney of Havant Borough Council was recognised for her work as part of the Havant Supporting Families Programme.

She produces high-quality plans for families that ensure they can access the support they require living well and staying safe.

Harriet took an active role with a family experiencing multiple problems relating to the risk of homelessness, poor school attendance, adult mental health problems and unemployment.

Dan Stoneman, of Hampshire County Council, said: 'Harriet has demonstrated both commitment and passion which are essential to ensuring families receive the right support at the right time, which makes all the difference.'

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