

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 7 December 2016

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Democratic Services

The Democratic Services team have been working diligently to streamline the Scrutiny process and has made significant progress with this work. Reviews into the sheltered housing and cemetery provision have now been completed and agreed by the Scrutiny Board. The scrutiny work involving the budget is progressing well. Other topics being scrutinise are: the provision of beach huts on Hayling Island, the provision of public toilets across the Borough, a review of Havant Safer Partnership's work on troubled families, a review of the shared management arrangements with East Hampshire District Council and the transfer of IT under the 5 Councils Partnership. Councillors who wish to take part in these reviews are encouraged to speak to Democratic Services.

The Councillor Development Panel has been established. The panel is a cross party working group, inclusive of all political parties, with membership reflecting the diverse roles and responsibilities of the wider Council Membership. The purpose of the panel is to develop and oversee the implementation of an Action Plan for achieving accreditation under the South East Employers Charter for Elected Member Development. The panel will take the lead on implementing the Councillor Development Strategy in seeking to ensure that all Councillors are equipped to deliver the Councils statutory and corporate objectives and priorities.

Elections

It's been a very busy time for Electoral Services, chasing up non-responders to the annual canvass. The new Electoral Register will be published on 1 December and new copies of the relevant wards will be sent to all councillors during the following week. We will continue to chase non responding 'pending' electors – this is becoming a regular part of the work.

Changes to the County Council division boundaries have been received and circulated to you all. These come into effect on 4 May 2017 so that the County elections due to be held on that day will be on the new boundaries.

The main change is the introduction of two new County divisions, North East Havant and North West Havant. These will take the place of Bedhampton and Leigh Park Division. The latter has two county Councillors but the two new smaller divisions will have one each.