

Cabinet Lead report for Council on 22/2/17

Councillor Leah Turner: Cabinet Lead for Communities and Housing

Havant Locality Board

The Safer Havant Partnership has been absorbed within the new Havant Locality Board. This has been established over the last six months to co-ordinate and deliver on the Havant Transformation Agenda. The board is made up of the following attendee's:-

Chair..Chief Fire Officer

Vice Chair.Chief Inspector of Police.

HCC. Children's Services Manager

HBC. Communities and Communications Service Manager

Chair of Local Children's Partnership

DWP- District Operation's Manager

Public Health- Senior Practitioner

Head of Commissioning and Partnerships-Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire

Interchange Manager-Community Rehabilitation Company

Head of Communications and Engagement-Clinical Commissioning Group

Southern Domestic Abuse Service-CEO

Havant and East Hants Mind- Business Development Manager

Victim Support-Regional Lead

Motiv8-Director

Citizen's Advice Havant-CEO

Community First-CEO

What is Transformation?

Transformation is a local "cross public service" approach to developing a new way of working that benefits both local services and residents. When organisations work together to solve problems, issues can be dealt with more efficiently, reducing the time and cost involved.

What does this mean for local residents?

Most may not notice any difference in service but may see things such as places looking neater and more support being offered to local families. The first role of the new Board is to oversee the Delivering Differently pilot in Wecock. This programme of work will address the needs of local residents by empowering and enabling services in Wecock Farm to work more effectively together.

The aim is to target all areas of society, such as Health, Crime and Education. To make lasting positive changes to benefit our Communities. By improving the contact between services it will help identify missed opportunities where issues could be dealt with earlier, preventing further escalation and greater costs to services.

The programme is already showing a better working relationship between services, meaning issues are dealt with more effectively.

We have also amalgamated our Health and Wellbeing Strategy into the Locality Board, believing that many separate meetings involving the same people are a waste of time and limited resources.

On Wednesday 1st February, Clare Hughes and I hosted representatives from HCC and Public Health England at The Plaza. We discussed our Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the new Havant Locality Board. They offered assistance if we felt it was needed for which we thanked them.

Housing

I know that members are always keen to hear details of any homelessness in our Borough. Our Housing Team have many successful outcomes for which I must congratulate them.

12 households went into B&B during Q 3 with 5 still remaining at the time I have written this report. One couple has been classed as intentionally homeless and our duty to them will cease shortly. The remaining 4 are awaiting alternative forms of temporary accommodation to become available. The team have been working with Two Saints during the recent cold spell, however no rough sleepers approached us for emergency accommodation. Can I reiterate that unless we are approached we cannot help, during though of course we are concerned for anyone sleeping rough in very cold weather.

The team attended court and have been successful in resolving a number of emergency cases ensuring the families were not made homeless. A total of 232 successful preventions were carried out during Q3 meaning that 232 households were helped and did not have to go into B&B or temporary accommodation. We are on track to hit the annual target this year of 1050 cases helped. On 15/2/17 the Team are attending a workshop hosted by JobCentre Plus for anyone impacted by the Benefit Cap. Portsmouth City Council, Guinness Hermitage and the Roberts Centre are also attending.

The Lockerley Road partnership project in conjunction with Havant Housing Association and EHDC, using Affordable Housing Developer's Contributions, will we hope have Phase 1 ready for completion in May/June 2017. This will provide 6 much needed units for single homeless. With potential for this to be extended when proved to be successful and additional funds allow.

Sport

The Front Lawn Recreation Ground project continues to develop. Final tender submissions were due on 6/2/17 following an extensive value engineering exercise. It is anticipated that additional finance will be required to meet a shortfall of funding at this stage. Officers are currently exploring all possible options to achieve this and develop the project on time and budget.

Playing Pitch Strategy

The Senior Leisure Officer has been working with Planning Policy to procure a consultant to develop a PPS, Built Leisure Facilities Strategy and Open Spaces Strategy. This documents are a requirement of the NPPF and will also help shape the future direction of HBC's approach to improving the provision of sport and leisure in our Borough.

Sport England Active Ageing Project

An expression of interest in Sport England's first funding stream to tackle inactivity is being prepared to be submitted by 13/2/17. This stream is aimed at those over 55 who are considered inactive.

Play Park Conditions Survey

A Play Park conditions survey has now been completed. It covered the 29 Play Parks maintained by Norse across the Borough. It included play value and condition of existing equipment, comments on surfacing, and recommendations for replacement or additional items. The report is being finalised by Officers in order for it to be shared with Councillors and relevant partners. The

document will then become part of the open space and play strategy, which itself becomes part of the wider Playing Pitch Strategy.

Events

There is now a "Planning an Event" page under the Community heading on the HBC website. This includes a link to download an application form to hold an event on HBC land.

Councillor's Devolved Budgets,

I am sorry to say that less than £10,000 of a possible £38,000 in grants have been made by members since the scheme started. Applications must be made to the Communities Team by 10/3/17. Any monies not spent can not be rolled over into the following year. If however a larger community project in your ward would benefit by you and fellow ward Councillors amalgamating your monies, please speak to the Communities Team who will try to help.