

## Housing Services

I am pleased to report that Havant Housing Association has completed on the purchase of Lockerley Road-this joint project will provide some much needed accommodation for single homeless people. It is anticipated that we will be able to refer to the scheme in 3 months.

Community Housing Fund - HBC has received a grant of 133k to facilitate and enable local community groups to develop plans for community led affordable housing to be built. Officers have completed a survey advising of the potential use of the fund, to support us in receiving the second tranche in April 2017. Housing Officers with the Planning Team will work on developing possible initiatives which will be discussed further with the relevant Portfolio Holders before reporting back to Cabinet.

Housing Targets - the Housing Service is looking on track to achieve and possibly exceed targets in relation to Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Development.

## The Havant Lottery

In the summer of 2017 we are looking forward to the launch of the Havant Lottery. This exciting new project for HBC will benefit many charities and good causes with the Havant Borough. The purchase of tickets will be online and a dedicated website is being set up. We purchased the domain name Havant Lottery.Co.Uk in readiness for what we hoped would be support from Cabinet, which was received on 15/3/17. As much of the detail of this is commercially sensitive, I would be happy to answer any questions on this if members would like to telephone me at home. More details will be provided as the launch date grows nearer.

## Havant Sports Club Forum

The Forum on 14/3/17 was hosted by the Community Sports and Leisure Officers. It was attended by 36 people representing 22 local Sports Clubs. The Clubs were told of the advice and support that HBC Sport and Leisure Officers can provide them with in relation to facility development projects. The evaluation from the event will enable us to proactively plan for future sport facility investment projects.

## Front Lawn Recreation Ground Project

Following the return of the final construction tenders in February, Officers have been working hard to fill the remaining shortfall in funding to enable the project to start. There has also been a reduction in the original planned size of the car park, which will still remain adequate. This required a variation to the original planning consent. Our wonderful Senior Leisure Officer reapplied to Sport England for additional funding which was granted and that together with some S106 funds have made up for the shortfall.

The aim is for work to start in April for project completion in Autumn 2017.

## Bidbury Mead Pavilion Project

Drawings and costings have been submitted to HCC for their approval and to enable draw down of the 100k allocated towards this project. A preferred concept design has been shared with key stakeholders for their initial feedback and thoughts. Officers are currently working on the tender

specification so that a suitably qualified and experienced contractor can be identified to undertake the work, having followed the correct procurement procedure.

#### Adizone Refurbishment

Officers are currently working to refurbish the Adizone at Eastoke on Hayling Island. Both Norse employees and residents have identified items that are no longer working as they should and are in need of replacement. Officers are to utilise available S106 funding to refurbish this well used facility.

#### Emsworth Recreation Ground Pavilion

Officers have been in consultation with users and stakeholders of this tired and unfit for purpose pavilion. Current usage, concerns and future requirements form a project brief for the refurbishment project. A design and construction specialist has been approached to produce initial option drawings and indicative costings. These will guide the level of funding that will need to be sought alongside S106 contributions. It will also begin the process of seeking permission from the Charity Commissioners who entrust the land to HBC.

#### Havant Borough Youth Conference

As those Councillors who attended will confirm, our third conference was better than ever. We are looking to increase the time given at next year's conference to the Councillor Q & A session which both students and members seemed to much enjoy.

#### Councillor Devolved Budget Scheme

As the scheme for this year ended on 10/3/17 we had a very large number of last minute applications. These are being processed now. We intend to give a summary of the applications, the projects funded and an evaluation of the application process before the next round of Grants start on 1/4/17.