

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 1 November 2017

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Harts Farm Way

There has been very positive news about development of this 4 hectare strategic employment site with the remaining 3 plots now sold and being brought forward for commercial development over the coming months. This is in addition to Havant-based P and I Generators who's new premises were opened officially in Sept 2017 following an expansion directly assisted by Havant BC, creating 15 new jobs.

Waterlooville MDA skills programme

As part of the S106 agreement for Waterlooville MDA, HBC has secured funding of £60k for local construction skills training. A training provider has been commissioned to provide this service which will benefit around 30 local people over next 3 years. Participants are those who are not currently in employment and are referred by the Job Centre and other local service providers.

Regional Investment Event

Havant BC has been invited to present at a regional event on 8th Feb alongside other local authorities at Solent Business Park. The event provides an opportunity to update professionals within the commercial property market on investments and key opportunities in the Havant Borough and is part of HBC's focus on promotion of the area as a location for investment.

Hampshire Strategic sites portfolio

Officers are working with Hampshire County Council to ensure that key regeneration and development opportunities in the Borough are included within Hampshire-wide promotional material. The strategic sites portfolio is the main route through which the counties key opportunities are promoted and marketed to developers, investors and intermediaries through the 'Invest in Hampshire' service.

Dunsbury Business Park

I reported in my last update that the development of Dunsbury Business Park is progressing well and the council continues to work with Portsmouth City Council to identify local businesses with expansion needs that can be met by the site. This regionally significant site has the potential to deliver over 3000 new jobs with Fat Face the first to move in, employing 300 people in the borough.