

## Cabinet Lead Report for Council 1st November 2017

### Councillor Leah Turner Housing and Communities

#### Housing

During quarter 2 there were 15 households who spent some time in B&B, awaiting alternative accommodation or a decision on their situation. There were 265 successful prevention interviews which meant that these households did not spend any time in B&B or temporary accommodation. The Housing Team continue to be very busy and interviewed 1147 people during quarter 2, advising them on Housing related issues that they may have had.

On 24th October 2017, to begin preparation for the roll out of full Universal Credit, Havant Borough Council hosted a Job Fair with a difference. "Your Journey to Work" was run in partnership with the DWP and Radian. It offered free workshops to assist those seeking employment to reach their full potential. Local employers attended to discuss job opportunities.

During quarter 2, 10 Affordable Rented Units and 18 Help to Buy Units were completed.

#### Commissioning

Approval was given at September's Cabinet meeting to start the process for Commissioning Advice Services for the Havant Borough. Procurement will be carried out through Capita and a new contract will be in place from April 2018.

This will offer the opportunity to ensure we provide the required advice services to our local communities in a flexible way.

#### WeBig Local

HBC have been requested to take over the role of Local Trusted Organisation (LTO) by the WeBig Local Partnership. (WBL) All agreements and other required paperwork has been returned to the Local Trust, the grant managers. The HBC job description and person specification have been agreed by the WBL and are being put forward to a job evaluation panel. There is a need to address the interim staffing support required by the WBL to enable them to deliver against the targets agreed in their Big Local Plan. This may be achieved through a secondment arrangement, all staffing costs paid for through the Big Local Grant. We are looking at all options to cover the gap before appointing.

#### Havant Lottery

In partnership with Gatherwell, a work programme has been developed outlining the activities and actions which must be delivered prior to the first Draw Date on March 31st 2018.

This is the process that Gatherwell have successfully used with other local authorities to ensure sufficient time to allow the Good Causes and the public to become fully engaged with the Lottery prior to the launch.

The start is later than I would have hoped, but, as the licence was not received until mid October and taking into account Christmas and New Year, the first draw is now scheduled for March 31st 2018.

We have a full Marketing Timeline in place and we have approached 2 prominent local residents to join the members of the panel in deciding on the Good Causes to be accepted.

Key dates are the Good Causes launch, 8 weeks before the first draw, when charities and Good Causes begin to enrol and generate interest.

Also the Havant Lottery launch, to ensure responsible gambling, players are encouraged to play by Direct Debit. These take 2 weeks to set up so will take place 4 weeks prior to the launch. More updates will follow.

## Sport and Play

### Front Lawn Recreation Ground

The facility investment project at Front Lawn continues and local youth clubs are now enjoying the new artificial grass pitch which opened at the beginning of October. This is the first phase of the project, with the remaining facilities due to be launched in early January following the £1.6 million investment.

### Bidbury Mead Pavilion

Officers have now completed the procurement process to identify a contractor to carry out the refurbishment of Bidbury Mead Pavilion. The works which were due to commence on 18th October will be carried out by Createability Ltd, and last a total of 8 weeks. On completion the refurbished pavilion will offer modern day changing facilities and a small catering area for use by community sports clubs.

### Adizone - Hayling Island

Following a procurement process, the Great Outdoor Gym Company has been identified to replace like for like the equipment that is now in poor condition. This will be paid for by S106 developers contributions and will prolong the life of this popular community facility. Work will start in November and is expected to take approximately 2 weeks.

### Stakes- MUGA

Officers have been working with the Ward Councillors who have identified a need to refurbish the MUGA in Springwood Avenue, Stakes. This will hope to include a lighting scheme. S106 developer's contributions have been identified to support the refurbishment works, Officers are working with the Civil Engineering Team to carry out the feasibility work on the site.

### Hampshire Farm- Play Area

The play area at Hampshire Farm has been identified as needing improvement works to enable it to better suit the needs of the Community. It is proposed that play equipment will be consolidated into a more usable space to include fencing, with equipment suitable for a wider age range. Officers are currently gaining costings for these works which will look to utilise developer's contributions.