

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 13 December 2017

Councillor Time Pike: Cabinet Lead for Economy and Infrastructure Projects

Economic Development

Tourism in the Borough

I recently published a delegated decision outlining the councils future direction on tourism. Given our focus on activity with clear economic outcomes, support for the visitor economy in the future will focus on the regeneration of priority areas including Hayling Island and delivery of the current events programme. Furthermore, as there are many websites promoting the area operated by the private sector, the council will no longer subscribe to external websites including visit Havant and Visit Portsmouth, saving £15k per year. If tourism businesses in the borough wish to collaborate and approach HBC with specific proposals, the council will consider such requests and any associated resource requirements separately and on their merits.

Chamber of Commerce

Discussions are continuing with Hampshire Chamber about increasing their level of engagement in the Borough. In particular focusing on how the Chamber could support the establishment of a regular forum of businesses within Havant's key growth sectors including advanced manufacturing and engineering. A key to success is identifying a suitable business representative to lead the group. A regular forum represents a useful mechanism for business engagement on key issues including the Borough's growth and regeneration plans.

Colt site, New Lane

Members will be aware that there is an exhibition being by the developer's agent (White, Young Green) of the Colt site – held on 11 December 3.30 – 7.30 pm. Information from the developer is as follows:

The Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) has acquired the vacant industrial site on the corner of New Lane and Bartons Road. The HCA is proposing to bring forward the site's redevelopment with up to 100 new homes, including 40% affordable units and new employment uses fronting New Lane.

We invite you to attend a public consultation event which is being held at St Albans Church, Martin Road, on the 11th of December so that you can view the draft proposals for the site's redevelopment. Members of the project team will be available to answer any questions that you may have.

Infrastructure

Delegated Decision submitted to agree the Councils approach to facilitate an increase in electric vehicle infrastructure across the borough. This is in line

with the Governments direction to support the growth of electric cars, including more charging points.

Economy Projects –Town Centre regeneration at Waterlooville, Havant Town, Hayling Island and Leigh Park

Draft local Plan – if agreed for consultation by Cabinet on 18 December will provide policy position on the key regeneration sites in terms of housing numbers and other development expectation. Also sets the scene for potential for Compulsory Purchase Orders to support actual delivery.

Leigh Park – I visited The Hub in Somerstown, Portsmouth demonstrating benefits of rationalising facilities and how such projects can evolve to meet the needs of the community. Community engagement being planned for early in the New Year to kick start this project.

Hayling Seafront – the draft local plan includes a specific regeneration policy for four areas along Hayling Seafront. An appointed Architectural practice will develop inception designs (RIBA Stage 1) for three sites within the Creek Road area. The outcomes of this work will be brought for Cabinet decision in mid-March 2018.

Development of Strategic Sites at Denvilles/Emsworth

The strategic site masterplan is being finalised and will be published alongside the draft Local Plan evidence base for Cabinet.