

## **Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 11 July 2018**

### **Councillor Narinder Bains - Cabinet Lead for Neighbourhoods, Safety and Enforcement**

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#### **Community Safety**

This summer saw a number of traveller encampments within the Havant District. The team were actively involved with the investigation of nine sites across Havant, Waterlooville and Hayling Island between June and August. In many cases physical security barriers such as gates and dragons teeth failed to prevent sites being breached. The team therefore concentrated on developing and putting in to practice a real time response to the issue. Working with our legal team and Hampshire Constabulary we developed a process whereby the needs of those on site were assessed and that timely enforcement action was taken through the courts to ensure that the sites were vacated. The team also worked closely with our partners Norse to ensure that the sites were cleared of litter after departure. Officer behaviour during this busy time was exemplary with team members going beyond their usual roles to reach a positive outcome in a fast changing and an often hostile environment. We would like to extend our thanks to the legal team, Hampshire Constabulary and Norse for their prompt action and assistance.

#### **Trees and Woodland**

The “Tree and Woodland” team have commenced a review of Tree Preservation Area orders to ensure that they are still fit for purpose and also commenced an assessment of the Trees and Ancient hedgerows associated with areas identified within the Local Plan as potential Housing Sites.

#### **Police Liaison**

Meetings have been held with the Police and Partners to tackle an increase in Anti Social Behaviour in Waterlooville Town Centre.

#### **Enforcement**

Over 150 fixed penalty notices were issued for littering during the month of August.

#### **Parking Strategy / Management**

We now have the new uniform for the Civil Enforcement Officers, so we will shortly be launching the re-branding of the team to coincide with a new recruitment drive (and recruitment posters) to include an open day inviting possible new recruits to visit us – this will consist of meeting the team, including a day in the life of a CEO! We really want possible applicants to see that the role is so much more customer centric and safety as opposed to just issuing tickets! We will also launch the rebranding on our website to include a

narrative ‘a CEOs day’ with positive images and narratives regarding the work we do in the community i.e., most of the team have received first aid training so that they can assist in most incidents of minor injuries, our works with the local schools etc.

Since introducing the Experimental Order to ban overnight parking by motorhomes in Beachlands car parks, we have increased our enforcement outside of the standard working hours. This exercise has been successful. 25 PCNs were issued for August to motorhomes parking overnight. The team have also been patrolling other known hotspots during this time and have issued a further 52 PCNs for contraventions across the borough.