

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 27 February 2019

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Environmental Health

The Private Sector Housing Team have recently successfully recruited an Occupational Therapist. Lisa Uren will be joining us on a secondment from Hampshire County Council until 31st March 2020. Lisa is very experienced in her discipline, and will be assessing the needs of vulnerable residents who may require a Disabled Facilities Grant, and working with Private Sector Housing Officers to deliver the adaptations.

It usually is HCC that perform this role however they have had a number of difficulties and their service has declined, so we have brought Lisa in on a secondment to address this. A broader aspect of the role of our in house OT will be to engage with charities and doctors surgeries to ensure we reach the most vulnerable residents in our Borough.

Supporting Families

The Supporting Families programme for 2018/19 set challenging targets for the Havant area and I am pleased to announce that to date 150 families have been supported in tackling a range of issues including unemployment, social exclusion, homelessness and children in need. The local programme is ahead of the end of year targets but officers are still working hard to build upon these figures.

Safer Havant Partnership

The Havant Locality Board, an umbrella partnership meeting covering, Community Safety, Health and Wellbeing and Children's Locality Board met in early February and have identified the commercial centre of Leigh Park for some additional partnership working. The Community Safety Team are currently co-ordinating an action plan to raise the profile of the partnerships and to tackle the concerns of businesses and residents.

Litter Enforcement

During January some 117 fixed penalty notices (fpns) were issued in the Borough by EHCS officers. The current payment rate on these fpns is in the region of 77% with remaining cases being progressed through the Courts.

Police Liaison

Hampshire Police have appointed Chief Inspector Alex Reading as the new lead officer for both Havant and East Hampshire. Alex has come to the area having previously served with the Chief Constables Office so brings a wealth of experience with him.

Planning Enforcement

The Planning Enforcement Team have seen a very high demand on their services over the past few months. They are currently working on two complex listed building cases in Langstone and Bedhampton and have stopped unauthorised work on two other sites. They have also secured the support of a land owner to tackle a site which had been the subject of neighbourhood concerns for several years.

Arboriculture Team

The "Arb" team have recently revisited their service plan and added a review of existing Tree Preservation Orders to their annual plan. Despite this additional work the Tree Application and necessary consultation work are all exceeding the 80% target.

The Tree Strategy is now back from the first consultees and being developed - will be ready by the end of 2019.

The team have identified that there is a lack of awareness of their role amongst the broader community, they have produced articles in Serving You - one about Tree Preservation Orders and the other about the volunteer Tree Wardens. The team are also currently involved in the Centenary Woodland project with the Communities Team and Norse.

Traffic Team

The Traffic Team has made considerable progress with the Traffic Regulation Programme (TRO). The programme was delayed at the beginning of the year due to the IT issues that affected the TRO plotting programme. These are still

not fully resolved; however, the team has found ways to work around the issues and progress with the programme.

The team investigated TROs in 15 locations across the Borough resulting in the implementation of 8 TROs to date (Juniper Square, Coronation Road/Jubilee Road, Kingsclere Avenue, Old Copse Road, Cross Way, Saltmarsh Lane, Botley Drive Shops, The Dale). Objections to three further TROs are currently under consideration (Padnell Avenue, Freshfield Gardens, St Alban's Road).

I am happy to report that the Havant TRO programme will be fully completed by the end of March with the exception of Brockhampton Lane Residents Parking Scheme which is yet to be fully resolved.

The Team has implemented 29 Temporary TROs for roadworks and parking suspensions across the Borough, resulting in total income of around £40,000

Parking Team

The parking team have recently commissioned an online survey regarding the usage of the car parks within the Borough the results of the survey will inform any future pricing structure and terms and conditions of those car parks.

The Parking and Traffic team continue to work with HCC on the new CPE agreement

After the resident survey feedback, the Parking team have been completing a review on the conditions and facilities of our car parks and a schedule of repairs and general maintenance has been identified to work within the budget to meet some of the suggested improvements.

The parking team are working towards digitalisation and part of this project is a new hand held that we will be trialling, once completed we can move towards the concept of Virtual permits.