

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 25 September 2019

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Community Safety

The Neighbourhood Quality Team, as a whole has had an extremely busy summer tackling amongst other things an unprecedented number of unlawful incursions. Their professionalism in dealing with these matters balancing the rights and needs of residents and visitors alike from initial assessment of need through the instigation of judicial proceedings and repossession of land to the co-ordination of the return to normality in the area has been recognised by a "You're a Star" award to the whole team.

Emergency Planning

In preparation for the annual EP exercise in October, the team have been carrying out a number of training and planning sessions with colleagues who assist in the Emergency Control Centre. Regular meetings are taking place with our County colleagues to discuss the scenario and arrangements on the day.

We are continually monitoring the weather situation and passing on information where required.

The Emergency Response Plan has been updated and distributed.

A representative regularly attends the fortnightly Working On Tuesday training days held at Hampshire County Council offices. Each fortnight there is a different topic, recent sessions have been focused on Flooding, Emergency Response Plans, Community Resilience, Severe Weather and Warning and Informing.

The joint Out of Hours service has been in existence for a year now and we have received positive feedback.

A working group has been convened with partners across many services, to establish a Hayling Island plan. This work is continuing and further updates will be provided in the next Cabinet Lead report.

Environmental Health – Animal Welfare

The Team has now fully implemented the New Animal Licensing Regime following new legislation in October 2018.

This has led to over 50 licences being issued at HBC, with more to follow as the number of sites requiring licencing continues to grow.

During this period the team have also encouraged applications for licenses to be made online channel shifting the customer and providing a simpler, more accessible way to apply.

Of those sites currently licensed, 16 have achieved a four or five star rating, this is similar to the Food Standards rating applied to eating establishments and demonstrates that they have achieved the higher standards of compliance and animal welfare standards.

Parking Strategy / Management

Targeted out of hours parking enforcement continues to show success across the borough. In response to concerns raised by councillors and residents alike the team focus resources on specific areas that have been identified as problem parking hotspots. During the 12 month period to August this year, the team issued over 700 PCNs borough wide, over 250 of these relate to Beachlands on Halying.

The Traffic Team have been progressing well with the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) programme and are on target for the programme to be completed by the end of the financial year.

Locations currently at the public consultation stage are Middle Park Way, Charlesworth Drive and Brockhampton Lane.

Supporting Families

It now looks likely that the program will continue for another year. In the Chancellors Spending Review, Supporting Families was included with reference to further funding. While the details are not yet known, the Neighbourhood Quality Team has a well established process and are confident that they can deliver another year of the program, however it may look.