

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 13 November 2019

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Corporate Strategy

Work has continued on the development of the Corporate Strategy with a further Cabinet session held on 9 October. Officers are currently reviewing evidence and insight against identified priorities with further sessions planned over November to work up a draft document. In addition, Officers have begun submitting draft budget proposals that will support delivery of the Corporate Strategy. The Corporate Strategy will be taken through Council in February 2020 alongside the budget and business plans.

Corporate Performance

Cabinet members will provide reports on performance across their portfolios; however, I do wish to highlight a few items on overall corporate performance.

- Work has taken place on our Homelessness Review with a draft Strategy for Homelessness & Rough Sleepers now completed. An all Councillor Briefing was held on 4th November with respect to our Review and priorities have been identified for 2019-24. The Strategy will come forward to Cabinet shortly for review and then onto Full Council.
- Operational performance continues to remain strong with all national planning application targets met. Performance data for quarter two is currently being collected and will be reported through Cabinet during late November and shared with Councillors via the Healthcheck.
- I'm pleased to report that the mobilisation of the new EHDC environmental services contract commenced on 30th September 2019. HBC are providing environmental services through Norse South East with a Delegation Agreement between EHDC and HBC. This has been a significant mobilisation for Norse South East and HBC and I'm pleased to report that the mobilisation took place as planned.
- Our Brexit team continued to work on preparing the Council in the event of a no-deal Brexit on 31st October. While those plans have now been stood down following the request and approval of a Brexit extension the Brexit team is in a position to ensure that should a no-deal Brexit scenario arise in the future the Council is prepared to ensure that our services are maintained in the area and our businesses are prepared. We have recently published our Brexit Position Statement on our website detailing work undertaken to-date. Following the announcement of a General Election, scheduled for 12th

December, the Elections team have been working on preparations to ensure a smooth election.

PUSH, HIOWLA & Solent LEP representative for HBC

I attended a meeting of the Hampshire & IOW LGA on Friday 27th September. Havant are hosting the next meeting on 29th November. The main items on the agenda were :-

Vision for Hampshire 2050 - Members received a presentation from Cllr Roy Perry and Stuart Jarvis.

Cllr Perry circulated the 'Hampshire 2050, Vision for the Future, Commissioners' Summary Report' document and showed a short video about the process for drawing up the Vision. A meeting, in Winchester, of the Hampshire 2050 Partnership is in the calendar to discuss Vision for Hampshire 2050.

On Wednesday 2nd October I attended a Solent LEP Leaders Forum Working Dinner with the Chief Executive where the main item on the agenda was a discussion on the early draft of the Local Industrial Strategy. The evening provided the opportunity to exchange views on the needs and future economic ambitions for the Solent. During the dinner there was an opportunity to discuss themes around the Local Industrial Strategy, with a Leader on each table feeding back highlights.

On Monday 14th October I attended a PfSH Joint Committee Meeting in Fareham. Agenda items to note were :

PfSH Statement of Common Ground

Two key matters were discussed at this meeting. The first was the [approval of the draft framework for the Statement of Common Ground](#). This will provide the basis for ongoing work to update the PUSH Spatial Position Statement, roll it forward into a Joint Strategy and bring it in line with the revised requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework. It will also include a higher-level visioning exercise, looking further towards 2050. The framework can sit alongside [the bilateral statement of common ground](#) that the Council has prepared with the Partnership's authorities.

Nutrient Neutrality

The Joint Committee also received an update on nutrient neutrality. As a result of the update, the Partnership's chairman has written to the relevant secretaries of state requesting that the transition period for the Housing Delivery Test is extended and a review of the consents of waste water treatment works takes place. I will also be writing to the Ministry as well to highlight the tangible impacts that this issue could have and specifically request a relaxation of the five year supply rules that would require the Council to consider planning applications with a 'tilted balance'. This would

come into force if this issue goes on long enough that we do not have a five-year supply.