

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 13 November 2019

Councillor Tim Pike: Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Lead for Planning, Regeneration and Communities

Regeneration

The OJEU procurement process to secure a viable development partner on the Civic Plaza car park site is progressing with two developers making a final submission. Each of the proposals are being evaluated; if the proposals meet the evaluation criteria then a preferred bidder will be identified through the process and then detailed negotiations could begin in whether a final deal can be achieved.

Brockhampton West is being marketed for a straight sale with a fallback position being considered for income generation as a solar farm or goose mitigation land.

Good progress on Hayling seafront with detailed work on the Nab car park site with an outline planning application due to be submitted early in the new year. Mace consultants are working on proposals for regeneration investment along the seafront with a focus on enhancing the commercial offer at West Beach.

Officers attended MIPIM UK, a national property investment conference in mid-October and whilst investment is slowing down over wider uncertainties there is still finance looking for a safe long term home, some of which will head out of the seemingly saturated London market. This could be an opportunity for the promotion of Havant once we have some certainty over our town centre position.

Housing

On the 4th November 2019, there was a Cllr briefing on the Homelessness Review and the priorities identified for the future Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy and Action Plan. The briefing highlighted how the Council has responded to the Homelessness Act 2017 and the new duties, figures over the past five years and how we intend to address certain issues and provide information on the development of affordable housing in the borough. A copy of the Homelessness Review has been sent to all Councillors for information but if you are unable to attend the briefing or have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Tracey Wood, Head of Housing & Community Engagement.

Sport and Leisure

A New Direction – Physical Activity Initiative This project, funded by Public Health Hampshire and working in partnership with Horizon Leisure, has now started.

The 12-week programme has a total of 35 inactive females aged 35-54, providing a programme of specific sessions across both Havant and Waterlooville Leisure Centre sites to improve physical activity and health outcomes.

A further two sets of sessions will be running in 2020 following significant demand for the programme.

Community Infrastructure Levy

Officers have supported a total of 7 Neighbourhood CIL applications in relation to play, sport and leisure. Should these projects move forward they will work towards realising the recommendations in the Open Space, Sport & Recreation Strategy.

Hampshire Sports Conference

Officers delivered the Hampshire Sports Conference on 2nd October at the Plaza. The event focussed on 'Thinking and Delivering Differently' and saw approximately 85 sports clubs, coaches, instructors and leisure providers benefit from a variety of workshops. The event was hosted by former Olympian Gail Emms MBE and provided information on how to engage with inactive audiences and engage new markets.

The conference was delivered in partnership with the University of Chichester and Energise Me.

Economic Development

Brexit Business Survey - we have recently undertaken a survey of local businesses to understand the likely impact of Brexit and levels of preparation among our small business community. Over 50 businesses in the Borough responded identifying key issues such as logistics, rising tariffs along with staff and visas. The results of the survey have been shared at a national and local level with organisations including Solent LEP, Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Small Business. We will continue to work with these organisations to ensure our business community receive the necessary advice and support as we leave the EU.

Google Digital Garage - As part of Google's digital out-reach programme, the Google Digital Garage is coming to Havant town centre on Friday 8 November (10am-4pm). A schedule of courses will be delivered through Google's mobile facility focusing on CV writing, digital marketing and keeping safe on line. A series of drop in sessions are also available for local residents and businesses. This has been co-ordinated by the Economic Development team in liaison with Google and Alan Mak's office.

Community Development, Health and Wellbeing

New Developments

Waterlooville Berewood site. Work is ongoing to support the Newlands Parish Council to ensure the opening of the new temporary community building on site. The lease has been signed for the building and whilst the building is situated just outside of the borough within the Winchester boundary, it will provide a much-needed facility for residents until the permanent building is built as part of the latter stages of the development. Our Community Officer will be working at the building for an interim period and working in partnership with the Waterlooville Area Community Association regarding the bookings.

Funding has been secured from the developer, Grainger, to address Anti-Social Behaviour issues. Y Services are being commissioned to work closely with the Police and council staff to establish what the issues are on site and how best to tackle them.

Health & Wellbeing

A number of meetings have taken place over recent months to discuss the re-establishment of a Health and Wellbeing Partnership. Until now, some matters relating to health and wellbeing have been discussed at the Havant Locality Board, however the scope of this Board is very wide and there is a sense that many health priorities cannot be considered in enough detail.

Recent developments and changes within partner organisations have provided the timely opportunity to review the current structure. This includes the formation of Primary Care Networks and the appointment of Social Prescribers, and the launch a local Teenage Health & Wellbeing Board. Conversations with colleagues from various key agencies, including the GPs from the Networks and from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), identify significant benefits for a Partnership focussing on Health and Wellbeing for the Borough, and there has been very strong support and commitment for a separate forum to identify priorities and discuss issues in more detail.

It is anticipated that an Action Plan will resonate from this group which aims to create some Prevention and Healthy Lifestyle opportunities.

Dementia

Monthly Dementia awareness sessions continue at the Plaza. Since November 2018, 120 people have attended the awareness sessions, these include Councillors, Officers, community groups and charities.

The Councillor Dementia awareness session in September was attended by three Councillors bringing the total to date to nine. If any Councillors are interested in attending they should contact a member of the Community Team.

Havant Lottery

For every ticket brought before Saturday 2 November there will be an opportunity to win extra prizes. Five entertainment bundles are up for grabs containing an Amazon Echo, Amazon Echo Dot, Amazon Tablet (Fire HD8) and an Amazon Fire TV Stick. There are 5 bundles available.

A winter prize draw takes place on Saturday 14th December, sign up for a chance to win an overnight stay for 2 people (double room), bed and breakfast (worth £225) at the Village Hotel in Portsmouth and four tickets to the Christmas Show, Otto and the Robin at The Spring in Havant.

Havant Community Lottery drop in sessions take place on 5th November and Tuesday 3rd December at the Plaza. This is an opportunity for existing Good Causes to seek advice and potential new groups to ask questions and become a new Good Cause.

Additional funding was awarded to 10 Good Causes in November totalling £9,100 via the Havant Lottery Central Funding Scheme including Homestart, Bedhampton Community Centre, Havant Talking Newspaper, Waterlooville Bowling Club and Heart of Hayling Boxing Club.

Armed Forces

Havant Remembers – a commemorative booklet has been produced. The booklet includes a map highlighting silhouettes installed across the borough to remember the fallen.

Events

Applications have been received for the following 2020 events:

- March - Sinah Battery Car Show / Charity event - Hayling
- May - Kids party in the Park – Havant
Cricket for Heroes - Emsworth
Tennis Tournament - Emsworth
- June - Circus Zyair
Kite Surfing – Hayling
Havant Rugby Fun Day
- July - Colour Run - St James Primary School
Family Fun Day - Havant
Park Fest 2020 - Havant