

Cllr Briggs

Leaders Report to Council

24th July 2013

Community Open day

The vibrant Community Open Day and opening of our Public Service Plaza by HRH Princess Royal on the 16th July was a great success, it was a culmination of a lot of work by many people and organisations - a great example of partnership working at its best and joined up public services. This follows our achievement as finalists in all the local government industry awards this year - two in the MJ and LGC Awards.

End of year accounts

The accounts were completed by end of June; there is increasing pressure each year on the processes and requirements for this. Thanks to the team, particularly as they were going through their service review process as part of our work with sharing services with East Hampshire. We await the outcome from our external auditors. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Simon Little, our new shared Service Manager (Finance) for his valuable contribution in finalizing the accounts

Mayor's Charity Golf match

Was held on the 29th June a very successful day, enjoyed by all

Property

The Property team is under taking a review of all properties to ensure that we maximize investment opportunities. They continue to explore a number of opportunities for regeneration and economic development for the benefit of our communities, residents and businesses. For example Leisure facilities, self-build housing initiatives and further development of our public service village vision.

Partnerships

Strategic Partnerships continue to be a key focus and to that end I have attended various meetings with fellow Leaders across the country and within Hampshire. Some good news in

this regard:-

1. Hayling Island has secured £60k investment from PUSH (Partnership for Urban South Hampshire). This is thanks to HBC staff and their writing of a bid to enable improved cycling facilities.
2. I am now a member Local Enterprise Partnership Transport Board representing District Council's and I hope this will add value to our work to develop Dunsbury Hill Farm and the jobs that this should bring to our local communities.
3. Hampshire Senate met under a new HCC Leader Roy Perry and a positive outcome is the commitment to further development of working together for the benefit of Hampshire residents. I shall be taking a keen interest in pushing for such opportunities in this borough for example Havant has been selected as a partner to the next tranche of community budget pilots and our economy and community team are now progressing this under the sponsorship of our Chief Executive and Service Manager for Community, Claire Hughes.