

Neighbourhoods, Community Safety & Enforcement

Cabinet Lead Report of
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INTRODUCING

The Civil Enforcement Team (above)

The Civil Enforcement team, consisting of (from left to right), Nicky, Geoff, Colin Fiona (Snr CEO), Sam, Alison, Alan, and Julie; we will recruit 4 more officers shortly. They are an enthusiastic and dynamic group who deliver a high quality of service, including first aid and work to improve road safety (by preventing unsafe parking), reduce traffic congestion (and improve air quality) by removing inappropriate parking, regulate parking for both On-Street and Off-Street

The CEO's work throughout the year on shift patterns, in all weathers and often in difficult circumstances as most of the borough's car parking restrictions apply 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can walk up to 12 miles a day.



Planning Enforcement

I met with the Planning Enforcement Team managed by Amy Zelazik who are currently very busy with over 100 cases open ranging from Listed Buildings to illegal advertising listings. The team is currently involved in a number of complex time consuming cases which are all made all the more challenging by the emotive nature of their issues raised and the tensions felt amongst communities. A very difficult balance well managed by Amy with new team member Katie Howard. We have kept local councilors updated with issues within their wards.





Neighbourhood Quality

This month the team have been working hard to tackle the unprecedented level of Graffiti in the Town Centre and surrounding area first steps were to clean what we could by taking direct action, pictured is Gary Morton tackling graffiti in Bedhampton. The team put in place an evidence collection plan and held meetings with the Police to agree a plan of action to ensure that our joint resources were put to good use. (Gary Morton and Harriet Scotney meeting with Inspector Mark Lamper and Sgt Paul Bromell above).

Emergency Planning

Preparations are underway for the planning of next year's exercise. The councils have been invited to participate in a countywide exercise, called LIVEX, which will form our annual exercise in June. In preparation for the above a training programme has been introduced for Emergency Centre staff. We are continually monitoring the weather situation and where required passing on information as and when required.

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

We are reviewing the Adverse Weather Plan in conjunction with several other teams..

The draft Hayling Island Plan has been circulated to colleagues who live on the island for comment and feedback. This will shortly go to Exec. Board for approval and then on to Cabinet. This will then be circulated to Hayling Island Councillors for their comments and once approved will be a public facing document.

A Councillor Masterclass has been arranged for March, led by colleagues from Hampshire County Council, Emergency Planning team. Councillors are invited to come along and it is hoped they will gain a better understanding of their role in an emergency. We will also briefly discuss the Councils Out of Hours service and what services are available.

I attended the latest meeting of the Locality Board which brought together health, community safety, education, Police, Fire Service, the voluntary sector, amongst others to jointly take Havant strategies forward in partnership.