

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 27th January 2021

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Coastal Communities

South Hayling Beach Management Activities (2017-2022)

A small pre-winter beach recycling campaign was successfully completed during November, with accreted material extracted from the open beach between the Fun Fair and Coastguard Revetment and then transported to depleted bays at Eastoke.

Around 21,000 cubic metres of shingle from the various sites was recycled over a two- and half-week period.

Without carrying out the above campaign, more damage and coastal flooding would have occurred as a result of Storm Bella over the Christmas period. Beaches continue to be monitored with provisional plans for a Feb/Mar 2021 campaign.

Broadmarsh Coastal Park, Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Feasibility Study

The final Option Appraisal Report and remaining deliverables have now been submitted by the consultants Black and Veatch, bringing the contract with them to an end.

Following on from this, the project team are to start the next piece of work over the next couple of weeks, to look at the broader outcome opportunities and potential funding streams to take the scheme forward.

Hayling Island Strategy

Over the last few months of 2020, the project team carried out various virtual stakeholder engagement sessions as part of the data gathering and baseline setting stage of the project.

Two virtual workshops took place in November with key stakeholders within the community. The aim of which was to understand further issues and concerns as well as the potential opportunities and short and long-term aspirations for managing the coastline.

Alongside these workshops, the project team engaged with a further ten landowners, community groups and beneficiaries with an interest in the Hayling coastline to establish their short and long-term aspirations and build relationships going forward.

The information gathered will be used to understand where the key areas of focus need to be around the island, particularly from a flood and coastal erosion risk management perspective. It will also help inform and directly feed into the appraisal process as we enter into the next stage of the Strategy.

Langstone Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Scheme – Outline design

The Langstone FCERM Scheme's outline design and preferred route alignment were considered at HBC Cabinet on the 28 October 2020. Cabinet noted the positive progress, the CIL contribution from HBC (recognising this is critical to deliver the local plan) and approved the Outline Design and route alignment to progress into the next phase. Cabinet also required the Detailed Design to be brought back to them, noting the polarised views on some stretches of the frontages.

The project has already begun the procedure to procure the professional services of consulting design engineers to build upon the Outline Design to develop a constructible scheme. The project anticipates the Detailed Design contract to be in place by April 2021. Once in place the Detailed Design is expected to take approximately 12 months to complete and it is anticipated planning permission and marine licencing will take a further 12 months.

The environmental scoping report has now been completed and it is currently with the Local Planning Authority (LPA) and Marine Management Organisation (MMO) to screen for their opinions. This report will form the basis of the considerations that are included in the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) and informs the necessary baseline studies and survey's that are required for the project. In addition, an overwintering bird survey began in September and will continue until March.

Following the cabinet decision, the project team prepared a [project update video](#) that was hosted on the project website and distributed to the community via a "uGov" newsletter. Further stakeholder working groups are planned throughout Detailed Design so that, wherever possible, the community and stakeholders can have a say in the development of the design. The team will continue to share information and updates with the community via the website and their newsletters.

ESCP Geomatics Division

Our Geomatics Division continue to support various services at HBC and the other authorities that form the Partnership. They recently completed surveys and drone imagery for the Langstone Harbour Scheme and Eastoke Drainage Study.

West Beach Timber Groynes Removal Works

Following the removal of the revetment at West Beach (due to the end of its serviceable life), the beach continues to evolve. This has led to two of the existing ageing timber groynes becoming outflanked at high tide and accelerating their deterioration.

A decision was taken, inline with HBC coastal policy to remove these end of serviceable life structures as emergency works in November. An application has been made to the Environment Agency for financial assistance in the form of GiA to recoup the Council's costs.

Regional Habitat Creation Programme (RHCP)

The Solent & South Downs RHCP is legally required to deliver habitat creation across the region, to replace habitats lost through Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM). The RHCP is administered by the Environment Agency (EA), however limited progress had been made between 2011 and 2017 other than the delivery of the Medmerry Managed Realignment scheme in West Sussex. With many opportunities for habitat creation within the Havant Borough (and wider Coastal Partners' area), it has been critical for us to inform and progress this programme. Future FCERM schemes to protect people and property rely on the successful provision of compensatory habitat.

Phase 1 of the project, the Strategic Update, was completed in 2018 and confirmed the quantity of habitat creation required in this area to meet our legal obligations. Phase 2 of the project, the Tactical Stage, was completed in May 2020 with the finalisation of the 2018 Annual Review report and a summary note on various potential funding opportunities for habitat creation sites. The Tactical stage investigated 18 priority sites (five of which are within the Havant Borough) for their feasibility for intertidal habitat creation. Jointly with the EA we produced a habitat creation delivery plan that will ensure we meet our RHCP targets up to the end of the second epoch of the Shoreline Management Plan (i.e. 2055). Ten potential habitat creation sites have been added to the EA's Capital Investment Plan, which is the first step in securing FDGiA funding to start investigating the viability of these schemes.

Over the coming years, we will be looking at these sites in detail to confirm and plan the habitat creation opportunities as part of Phase 3, the Operational Phase of the RHCP.

Solent Bird Studies

The Solent Birds Studies is a 3-year study of the way over-wintering bird populations use coastal areas, with a particular focus on taking forward future FCERM and habitat creation projects. The data has and is being used to inform strategic planning and development management decisions. We are currently finalising some minor amendments that have been suggested by the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy working group and will submit the

report for formal approval by Natural England and Environment Agency once these have been made.

CIL

This year's bidding round for the CIL Neighbourhood portion closed at the end of September, we have received 23 bids. At this time Officers are assessing the bids and will brief members on the draft spending proposals before Christmas, ahead of Cabinet and Council decisions in February 2021.

Housing

Affordable housing delivery is still rather slow, but we will have some units handed over before Christmas and there are some exciting things in the pipeline.

Land South of Barton's Road- 13 units to be delivered by the end of December, already advertised on Hampshire Home Choice.

Woodcraft Copse- an update on handover dates has been requested from Guinness.

Woodcraft Farm - Phase 2, first 10 new affordable units are expected to be handed over before Christmas, all Shared Ownership. The RP for Phase 2 will be Aster and includes another 47 affordable units.

Saxon Corner- Selangor Avenue, Emsworth. Confirmation now received from Sage Housing that the first 7 affordable units will be handed over by the developer in January 2021.

Colt Site, New Lane, Havant- Vivid is in contact with the developers and work has started on site. This will be a 100% affordable scheme with a mixture of new home sizes and offered as Social Rent and Shared Ownership.

Land off Havant Road, Emsworth- Imperial Homes development, planning consent imminent, Vivid to purchase all 17 units and provide a 100% affordable site, all Social Rent.

Brent House- this project is moving forward; Two Saints have reviewed the grant and nominations agreements and their comments should be with HBC Legal this week.

Homelessness

The Housing Team will continue to work with any Rough Sleeper that is referred and will offer the appropriate advice and support. The Council will implement the Serious Weather Emergency Procedure should the weather

forecast be zero or below for three days. If you are aware of anyone Rough Sleeping please advise the Housing Team.

In Temporary Accommodation/B&B are 12 singles/couples 1 of which duty is ended but remains under Covid-19 measures.

Next Steps Accommodation Programme funding received to date:-

Short Term Funding £137,825 received for:-

- Funding to keep 7 spaces open for COVID-19 placements-£57,522.
- Block booking of an additional 10 beds to help with winter provision and possible further COVID-19 placements-£43,600. To this end we have continued to block book accommodation at the Village Inn, Buriton for SWEP provision.
- Funding to provide incentives to rehome 10 individuals in the PRS- £11,523
- Funding to extend the PRS intervention post (currently funded by the Rough Sleeper funding) from 0.5 fte to 1 fte-£20,000.
- Funding to spot purchase resettlement support for 10 individuals going in to the PRS-£5,180, to be provided by Two Saints

Longer Term Funding- £160k capital plus £27,307 revenue received for: -

- £160k capital funding received to acquire a property to develop 3 units of accommodation for supported move on accommodation.
- To be match funded by £150k Affordable Housing Developer's Contributions.
- Partnership arrangement with Abri Housing.
- A further £27,307 in revenue funding received to commission the provision of support from Two Saints until March 2024.
- Tight deadline for delivery with accommodation needing to be on site and ready to occupy by 31st March 2021.

In terms of Homelessness- over Christmas due to the cold weather, SWEP was introduced (Severe Weather Emergency Protocol). As per the norm 24/7 emergency cover was in place and although officers received a number of calls, no one was placed into B&B. The Housing Team has returned to work and the volume of calls has been high, we will continue to ensure that the most vulnerable are offered emergency accommodation if they are sleeping rough, but of course there may be still occasions when this offer of accommodation is not taken up despite the officer's best efforts. SWEP will be reintroduced at any time that the temperature falls to zero for three consecutive nights. If anyone is aware of someone sleeping rough or if you have any concerns, please report these to the Housing Team.

All B&B Landlords have been sent the updated COVID-19 guidance.