

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 16 June 2021

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Housing

It is anticipated that with the ban on evictions having been lifted that there will be an increase in the number of families and individuals who will find themselves homeless and the team will ensure that the appropriate advice and support is given. Early intervention will be key to prevent or relieve homelessness.

Increasing the supply of affordable housing within the district remains a priority of Havant Borough Council. Despite the constraints of the COVID-19 pandemic, which saw the severe delays in new home construction, Havant Borough Council's Registered Provider partners have continued to deliver affordable homes to meet the needs for some of those on our waiting lists. During 2020/2021, there was zero delivery in quarters 1 and 2, however, in quarters 3 and 4 a total of 58 homes were completed.

Affordable Rent – 31
Shared Ownership – 25
Social Rent – 2

The Waterlooville MDA, the largest development in the Borough, continues to contribute to our affordable housing provision, although the units now being developed are in the Winchester City Council area. Despite this, the new affordable homes are available to both Havant and Winchester applicants due to the site's proximity to the Havant area.

There are various sites across the borough, at different stages of development that will start to deliver their affordable homes over the next 2 years. These are:-

Brookvale, Havant 175 homes – 53 affordable
Saxon Corner, Emsworth 144 homes – 44 affordable
Catherington Park, Waterlooville 288 homes – 40 affordable
Woodcroft Copse, Lovedean – 43 affordable

The total number of households registered on the Hampshire Home Choice register within the Havant Borough is currently 1,588.

Brent House:

Since the loss of Brent House as temporary accommodation (late 2017) the council's reliance on bed and breakfast has increased particularly during the pandemic, however working in partnership with Two Saints the refurbishment of Brent House, which has the potential to offer up to 29 units, will go some way to

easing this expense, and inappropriate placements into B&B. This also supports the Corporate Strategy's aims of supporting the most vulnerable in our communities.

Communities

Local Response Centre (LRC)

Although the LRC continues to run until September the number of new referrals for Havant are now almost nil. In the past 3 weeks there has been one referral received for the area and there were three consecutive weeks of zero cases for the first time since the help desk was opened.

It is believed that the causal factors to this are:

- The changing advice that vulnerable people no longer need to shield
- Those who are most vulnerable will have received their first, if not second dose of the vaccine.

The total number of cases received since the beginning of the pandemic up to the 27th April 2021 is 1,524. The total number of cases since the 6th January to the same date were 86. Of the 5 areas for which residents made contact, medication and shopping were by far the services of most need.

Citizens Advice Havant:

Citizens Advice Havant and Havant Borough Council continue to work in partnership supporting residents who are currently, and historically, experiencing a wide range of issues.

Community Team:

Havant Leisure: The Community Team continue to work tirelessly supporting a wide range of organisations to assist and monitor projects which benefit Havant Borough residents.

- Get up and Go being the first Sport England funded active ageing project to return to safe outdoor exercise when restrictions eased, supporting the recovery of inactive over 55's.
- The successful return and adaptation of 16 physical activity offerings through Get up and Go throughout the work including indoor, outdoor, and online offerings. There have been 40 new participants registered in the last 2 months.
- Securing Hayling Helpers £2,250 from SSE external funding to support them through the pandemic.
- Completion of the artificial cricket wicket installation at Havant Park.
- Achieving planning permission for Hooks Lane car park extension to enable the 3G rugby pitch to be used to its maximum capacity.
- Awarding 14 small grants, ranging from £100 - £500, in support of smaller sports clubs from across the borough who have been ineligible for other COVID recovery grants.
- Refurbishment of Emsworth, Purbrook and Bidbury tennis courts, that included, minor resurfacing work, rebind, repaint and install new tennis nets and posts. Funded by S106.

- Securing external funding, finalising specification, planning applications and tendering for £160,000 artificial surfacing and flood lighting installation at Hayling Bowls Club. The contractor is due to start work in June.
- Securing external funding, finalising specification and tendering for a £90,000 play area refurbishment at Emsworth Recreation Ground, in partnership with Verity's Gift. Work is due to start in July.
- Delivery of improved play equipment at Hampshire Farm, Cowplain Recreation Ground, Hollybank Recreation Ground and Bidbury Mead. These projects will improve the play value, welcome and safety of the facilities utilising internal budget.
- Virtually run events – Havant Borough Youth Conference and the re-sign of the Havant Armed Forces Covenant.
- Bring just under £60,000 from HCC Adult Serviced funding with the Borough to support community projects.
- Bringing the Community Networks online and keeping them vibrant.
- Supporting the setup of two of the three Food Pantries in the Borough – Leigh Park and Waterlooville.
- Supporting the Catherington Park new development, as the Community Engagement Officer.

Havant Lottery:

Havant Lottery results 24/5/21, 2 cash winners

1 – supporting Havant Borough Community Fund, won £250

2 – supporting Havant Cricket Club, won £25.

The Havant Community Lottery ticket sales remain stable with now 2 x Community fund rounds complete. More than £9,000 was raised which in turn has seen 7 local projects receive money raised by the scheme.

Beneficiaries have been:

- Verity's Gift – Counselling for primary ages children in Emsworth £1,500
- Home Start Hampshire – Weekly support group in the Havant area £1,484.30
- Canine Partners – Contribution to aftercare £1,500
- Bedhampton Bowling Club – New commercial dishwasher £1,126.80
- Springwood Community Centre – New commercial dishwasher £1,158
- Havant & Waterlooville Swimming Club – Supporting swimming championships for adults and children £1,500
- Emsworth Community Association – Building adjustments to rehome Emsworth Library £1,500.

Sport and Physical Activity Alliance (SPAA):

The SPAA is an organisation that works to grow and enhance sport and exercise at all levels across the borough. It is comprised of sporting associations and health and fitness bodies that take a collaborative approach to the improving participation, increasing physical activity and securing funding. They are looking for new organisations to join the alliance.

At present there are 27 members.

Park Run:

Many Parkrun's across the country have yet to resume; needing permission from local authorities to stage the events.

Havant Borough Council runs a successful Junior Parkrun at Waterlooville Recreation Ground, also known as Jubilee Park, on Sundays. This is now underway again, with safety measure in place. Usually, it would be for 4-14 year old but is currently restricted to 4-10 year olds to limit numbers at this time.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The revised CIL Funding protocol 2021 has now been drafted and will shortly come before the Planning Policy Committee, prior to a final decision by Full Council on 28th July 2021.

Income

As anticipated in our report to Cabinet on 1 July 2020, the economic consequences of Covid 19 were borne out in a reduction of CIL Income for the 2021 financial year.

Gross CIL receipts for 2021 (1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021) were: £1,947,605 compared to the previous period, 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 which were £3,406,823.

Recent Expenditure

Since the 1st April 2021 we are pleased to confirm the following spends are either complete or in process of being completed:

Project Reference in Exacom	Name of Project	Date agreed at Council	Strategic CIL (S) or Neighbourhood CIL (N)	Final amount of CIL spent (rounded)
120	Redlands Grange Nursery Feasibility	26/02/2020	N	£20,000
197	Elstead Gardens to Ladybridge Road Path	24/02/2021	N	£11,925
118	Emsworth Museum Cabinets	26/02/2020	N	£12,144

Hayling Island Strategy & Langstone Funding Profiles

Funds were committed at Council, 27 February 2019, to the Hayling FCERM Strategy and Langstone FCERM Scheme. This was in addition to previous commitments to the Langstone FCERM Scheme given at Council in 2017.

Coastal Partners have provided an update of the ongoing spending profile. This shows that the costs for the Hayling Island FCERM Strategy will be less than originally anticipated due to Coastal Partners securing additional funding from the Environment Agency. The overall spending profile for the Langstone FCERM Scheme remains unchanged:

Hayling Island FCERM Strategy CIL Profile (Exacom reference 134)

Previous / Current Project Spending Profile (CIL)								
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total
Previous TOTAL CIL pot build request 2019 (incl. risk)			£170,700	£262,218	£100,082			£533,000
Previous 2020/21 Profile inc risk			0	£65,000	£203,000	£65,000		£333,000
2021/22 (current) Spend Profile inc risk			0	£61,520	£200,000	£71,478		£333,000

Purple – already pot built

Green – spent

Orange – Latest spend profile

Langstone FCERM Scheme CIL Profile (Exacom reference 5)

Previous / current Project Spending Profile (CIL)									
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
Previous TOTAL CIL pot building request (inc risk)	£75,000	£575,000	£575,000	£700,000	£700,000				£2,625,000
Previous 2020/21 spend profile inc risk	£18,000	£6,044	£118,510	£199,439	£501,000	£132,000	£825,004	£825,003	£2,625,000
Current 2021/22 Spend profile Incl. Risk	£18,000	£6,044	£118,380	£231,024	£583,437	£342,777	£662,669	£662,669	£2,625,000

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To note

- We have spent approx. 114k of risk on the outline design stage of the project due to the increased engagement required to deal with the Langstone SOS group and cabinet approval process. Our intent where possible is to reduce the overall ask of CIL for the project as the detailed design stage of the project brings cost certainty and manages out risk. There is no guarantee of this however and we will keep you posted.

Our public facing Exacom System provides up-to-date information on CIL income and expenditure and can be viewed via this link: <https://pfm.exacom.co.uk/havant/>