

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 3rd November 2021

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Housing

During quarter 2, 29 much needed dwellings have been delivered.

Saxon Corner, Emsworth – 16 Affordable rents and 2 Shared Ownership.
Brookvale, Bartons Road – 4 Affordable rents and 7 Shared Ownership

The number of applicants on the Hampshire Homes Choice Register, who are applying for housing, continues to remain high. All of the authorities, with the exception of Winchester, have seen an increase in the number of active applications. At present the Havant Borough has a total of 1580 applicants, an increase of 16.

For your information, I have provided a breakdown of bedroom need and ages of those on the register.

1 Bed – 723
2 Bed – 510
3 Bed – 291
4 + Bed – 56

By age
16 -17: 5
18 – 39: 926
40 -54 : 301
55 -59: 76
60 – 74: 212
75+: 60

Members may have noticed the tent outside of the plaza. To reassure you, this remains empty and is checked regularly by the Housing Team and Two Saints. The person who owns it is known to the team but refuses to engage or accept any assistance.

Homelessness

During the last quarter the housing Team have worked with and supported 219 households facing homelessness. In Q2, 143 households spent time in emergency/temporary accommodation with 60 of these being in B and B. At the end of the quarter, 43 remained in B and B, with 19 accommodated within the borough and 24 placed out of the borough.

Communities

Local Response centre (LRC)

The LRC continue to support residents.

Figures up to and including the 21st October show that, 95,765 people have been given their first dose of the vaccine and 89,503 had been given their second.

New Developments

Hayling - The first Sinah Lane liaison meeting was held with partners and residents to establish the working group and open the lines of communication to all involved. Sinah Lane will consist of 195 dwellings and a bird refuge site. Feedback from Cllrs and Officers has been very positive

Waterlooville – a Community Action Plan leaflet has been designed and distributed within the Waterlooville Major Development Area. Further meetings have taken place with several residents signing up to be part of the working group. Litter picking events took place on the development to engage with residents about the Plan as well as tackling litter issues.

Havant Community Lottery

There are 103 live registered Good Causes, 760 players are purchasing tickets and £146,025.60 has been raised since 2018.

Since Saturday 4th September there has been 26 cash winners, 1 x £250 winner and 25 x £25 winners.

The next prize draw takes place on Saturday 30th October, supporters could win £1,000 in John Lewis vouchers, plus up to £25,000 cash.

The Autumn 2021 Lottery Community Fund is now open for applications. This funding is generated from 10% of every Havant Community Lottery ticket sale, plus 50% from those choosing to support the Community Fund.

Registered Good Causes can apply for grants of up to £1,500 to deliver new and exciting projects, services and activities to our residents living within the Havant Borough area. A panel will decide which Good Causes are awarded this grant funding.

Community Centres

The community centres have been visited and generally all is well. The communities all seem to be coming back to life and that has meant there has

been a lot of activity. There seems to be a lot of projects starting up that will be of help to our residents and the council is well represented in the planning of projects as they move forward.

There has been quite a bit of involvement with Springwood Community Centre in Stakes with a new Manager having taken up the role. There are good, new, and innovative ideas coming forward from the Manager.

The ongoing 1:1 befriending group being set up at Bedhampton Community Centre, is progressing and will soon be submitting a bid for funding.

The Acorn Centre at Wecock Farm has now received the majority of the funding it was requesting from Hampshire County Council for the Mens' Mental Health Group. It is also looking for more grants to support this work, as there is a substantial need in the area.

Network Meetings

There are two networks which are led by the Community Officer; one for Waterlooville and the other for Leigh Park, both of which have very good attendance.

The next meeting will be a joint Christmas meeting on 15th December both of which will be held virtually. Next year consideration will be given to whether to change to in-person meetings or stay online. A questionnaire was carried out to ask people how they wanted to go forward and there was an even split between 'stay online' and 'a hybrid of online and in-person'.

Kitesurfing Armada 2021

The event which took place over the weekend of the 10th - 12th September has been reported by the event organisers as a huge success. The fine weather enabled great action on the water and numbers on the beach were the highest the event has ever had, providing inspiration to local people to get active. The event had 3,200 attendees at its busiest point, with over 400 competitors and 360 campers on site. The organisers reported the new site for the event, which was centred on the Royal Car Park and Open Space, working better than the previous site for logistics, parking, location, space, trading, and access.

The premises licence was held by the Community Team for this year's event. This has now expired and will be the event organiser's responsibility for future years. There were no complaints from residents who lived in close proximity to the event site regarding noise or disturbance.

Officers from Community, Environmental Health, Licencing, Parking, Estates, Neighbourhood and Traffic have held a wash up meeting with event organisers to highlight successes and areas for improvements in future years.

Community Projects

A new opportunity to work in partnership with Vivid Housing on a potential project 'Grow it, Cook it, Eat it' has recently been discussed. This is very much in its infancy but it could be really exciting and very worthwhile to the residents.

The Leigh Park based foodbank, PO9, has now opened a 'Space' in an empty shop unit and is offering all sorts of events and drop-ins. Currently it is requesting more donations to the food bank and it is trying to get support for this.

Hayling Island Bowls Club Artificial Surface Project

The main build phase of the project has been completed, officers managed this process throughout. The project is still awaiting the installation of the floodlights as there have been delays to these works owing to supply issues. The club is currently using the new bowls green facility under an agreement with Havant Borough Council and has already informed officers that the club membership has increased and more people are playing bowls as a result. This was an overall aim of the project. Officers will continue to support the club in further growing its membership.

The floodlights are set to be installed on 11th November and an opening event is being held at the club on the 23rd October.

Emsworth Recreation Ground Play Refurbishment

The project to refurbish and replace the existing play equipment, in partnership with Verity's Gift has, unfortunately, been delayed owing to issues and material shortages at the manufacture stage. Officers have liaised with the contractor to ease concerns felt across the community and at an officer level. The contractor has indicated that they will start work on site in November.

Play Investment 2021 – 2022

Officers have placed orders for this year's play investment works to replace play items that have reached the end of their usable life and are no longer economically viable to maintain.

Works will be completed prior to April 2022 and before any work takes place Ward Councillors will be informed of work taking place within their ward.

Officers have also instructed an independent consultant to undertake an audit on all owned play areas. A report will be written from the findings of the audit and will become a strategic document that officers will use to prioritise investment in play within Havant.

Hayling Island New Skatepark Provision

Officers continue to support the Hayling Skate Park user group in their aspirations for new provision at the existing West Beach location. Sport and Leisure officers have already secured £55,198.50 of Section 106 money for new provision at the site. The group have also been successful in securing Circa £45,000 of community funding.

Officers have also recently secured £75,000 from The Veolia Environmental Trust towards the project. This is the top level of funding that this funder offers and leaves a very small short fall in the £200,000 project.

In the meantime officers have begun to draft a specification for tender and are working with other teams internally to ensure timeframes for the project are met. The next stage is to go to tender to identify a design and build contractor.

Waterlooville Recreation Ground Play area refurbishment

Officers continue to work with Waterlooville Action Group (WAG) to refurbish the play area at Waterlooville Recreation Ground. The project has been successful in raising further funds bringing the total raised to £87,500 towards the £90,000 total target. In addition, the WAG has been nominated in Tesco's community grant in which they are one of three community groups to be shortlisted to receive one of the three funding prizes. Officers have been working with the procurement team to produce all documentation required for the tender process. The tender closed at noon Monday 18th October. Officers now evaluate submissions and will appoint the successful contractor.

SPAA (Sport and physical activity alliance)

Officers successfully ran the first Havant SPAA meeting since pre-COVID. The online meeting via teams, saw 12 members from various organisations attend, including some new members. The meeting provided an opportunity for members to discuss their current focuses, objectives and challenges. This identified themes and similarities across organisations. The SPAA meeting provided a platform for members to work together to begin addressing the challenges highlighted in collaboration. Officers have produced a post meeting note which captured all themes and will provide a starting point for the agenda of the next meeting in the new year.

A New Direction

Officers are working in partnership with Horizon Leisure centre to deliver a 12-week programme designed to support women aged 35-54 in becoming confident in themselves and to improve their overall wellbeing. The programme is halfway through the 12-week course and has seen many of the 34 women attending weekly. Officers' efforts are focused on supporting Horizon and monitoring their delivery of this programme. Efforts will soon be focused on producing an effective form of feedback to provide an insight into

the impact the programme has had on individuals and methods to make it sustainable.

Emsworth Recreation Ground Pavilion Refurbishment

Officers continue to work with Emsworth Cricket Club and have appointed an architect to establish draft concept designs which suit the needs of the cricket club and align with technical guidance from national governing bodies. Officers are working with the Estates team to draft new heads of terms for a lease of the pavilion to the cricket club.

Get Up & Go

The physical activity programme for inactive residents aged over 55, as funded by Sport England, is running at full operation with 19 weekly sessions, either online or face-to-face in line with Covid safety guidelines. Several new activities have recently been launched including chair-based yoga, walking netball, and lawn bowling, all of which have engaged new residents and formed positive partnerships with organisations within the community. The successful lawn bowling delivery model is due to be replicated at Hayling Bowls Club following the completion of their refurbishment later in the year. Officer focus is currently on developing and implementing the beginning stages of a sustainable model in order to continue programme delivery beyond the currently funded period which comes to an end in April 2022. This has included an application to Hampshire County Council for £85,000 of funding from their Get Going Again fund, to support clinically vulnerable people.

Football Foundation - Local authority grass pitch programme

Officers have produced an expression of interest, to be submitted to the Football Foundation, for their local authority grass pitch programme pilot. The expression of interest outlines the Council's commitment to improving the quality of the borough's 23 grass football pitches by working together with stakeholders to devise a delivery plan. If successful in moving beyond the expression of interest, the development of a delivery plan will unlock the opportunity for substantial capital and revenue funds from the Football Foundation to be utilised towards the improvement of grass pitches and support the growth of local football clubs.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

CIL Spending Protocol

In July 2020, a review of the CIL Spending Protocol was authorised by the Cabinet. Since that time, officers have been preparing a revised protocol. This was considered at the Planning Policy Committee on 19 July 2021 and approved to progress to the Full Council.

Nonetheless, further consideration is being given to the approach to CIL Neighbourhood Portion spending, in particular to improvements which can be made to community infrastructure which is used widely every day, such as parks, play, community centres and public toilets.

A refreshed approach will be brought forward in due course.

CIL Recent Expenditure

Since the last Council Meeting we are pleased to confirm the following spends are either complete or in process of being completed (1/9/2021 to 12/10/2021):

Project Reference in Exacom	Name of Project	Date agreed at Council	Strategic CIL (S) or Neighbourhood CIL (N)	Amount of CIL spent (rounded)
191	Acorn Community Centre Extension (Project Delivery)	24/02/2021	N	£32,255

S106 Recent Expenditure

Similarly, we are pleased to confirm the following S106 spends are either complete or in process of being completed (1/9/2021 to 12/10/2021):

Project No in Exacom	Name of Project	Planning Application No and Name	Amount per application	Cabinet Date	Amount of Potential S106 spend (rounded)
163	Brent House Affordable Housing Scheme	APP/11/00343 (Raebarn House Car Park)	£36,566.90	1/07/2020	£252,700
		APP/13/00921	£105,226.92		

		(St Michaels Convent)			
		APP/14/00774 (Barncroft Infant School)	£14,919.47		
		APP/16/00379 (South of Ranelagh Rd)	£95,986.71		

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/>