

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 16th March

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Housing

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Following on from a very successful strategic meeting in December, hosted by the Leader with our partner Registered Providers, I have, with Tracey Wood set up some follow up meetings with our key partners.

Our first meeting was with PCC, their Director and Cabinet Lead. It was a very positive meeting where many areas were explored as to where we can work better together for the benefit of our residents. There will be quarterly strategic meetings moving forwards and officers will meet as well to discuss operational matters. I will update you when we have more information on some possible projects we can work on together.

We then met with Guinness who as our LSVT partner (Large Scale Voluntary Transfer) hold a significant number of properties. We discussed performance in terms of repairs and focused again on how we can work together more closely to ensure better outcomes for our residents.

Guinness then shared with us their work on social investment in Havant. I wanted to share this with you as I was unaware of some of this and there are some great initiatives happening out there which I am sure will be of interest to you all too.

Guinness's Social Investment in Havant

At Guinness, we want to support our residents, and members of the communities we operate in, by offering extra services and opportunities alongside the homes and housing services we deliver. We do this through the three themes of our [Social Investment Strategy](#):

- Alleviating Hardship – from food and consumables poverty;
- Education, Employment and Training – through a range of work experience opportunities, developing and supporting career aspirations and direct funding; and
- Inclusive Communities – to improve health and wellbeing and to support different groups with whatever their needs or aspirations may be.

We have recently targeted more investment directly into Havant communities and are very keen to continue to explore opportunities to work with existing and new partners.

- Guinness has invested £20,000 into a new food pantry in Havant – “Munch” which opened in November 2020. Havant Borough Council co-financed the pantry and it is delivered from The Dickinson Centre at Park Community School. Members have access to a selection of groceries, fresh and frozen food for a weekly subscription of £5. After it opened it quickly became the most used of the seven pantries that Guinness supported at the time across the country (we now support nine).
- Guinness recently started working with local organisation Motiv8. In 2021 we provided a small amount of funding to provide summer holiday activities for young people. Following the success of this programme, we provided further funding at the end of last year, along with other partners, to enable Motiv8 to provide diversionary activities for young people throughout the whole school year. They are taking place at Havant Rugby Club, the Front Lawn Community Hub, and the Wellmeadow drop-in youth club at Staunton Country Park.
- Guinness will shortly start working more intensively with HBC’s employability support programme which is supported by ESF funding. Residents aged over 18 years and over can access this free service and will be provided with 1-1 support to help them build confidence, identify and provide relevant training and support that can enable them to reskill and/or support them into meaningful employment.
- Last year we provided funding to Havant charity Stop Domestic Abuse in recognition of the increased demand domestic abuse services have faced during the pandemic. It was part of a wider package of support to six different domestic abuse charities operating within our communities.
- We have very recently filled a Kickstart placement in Havant and have been supporting the Government’s scheme through a partnership with other social housing providers.

Alongside our local partnerships, we have a broad range of support and opportunities available to all of our residents, including of course those living in Havant. These include learning how to set up your own business, becoming more confident online, accessing free courses on a range of topics including construction, apprenticeships, and access to support with mental health.

We advertise these opportunities on our website, via social media, and through our resident newsletters which are sent to all of our homes.

We regularly update our website with our latest opportunities / partnerships / offers:

[Advice and support – The Guinness Partnership.](#)

Communities, including Sport, Leisure and Play Parks

Havant Community Lottery

Havant Lottery currently has 107 registered Good Causes, 724 players are purchasing tickets. £163,000 has been raised for local Good Causes since 2018. The next prize draw takes place on Saturday 23rd April, supporters are encouraged to buy tickets to be in with a chance to win a £1,000 B&Q gift voucher.

Waterlooville Events Team

The Waterlooville Events Team Lottery have changed their name and focus. The volunteer led group is now called the 'Waterlooville Community Grotto' and will manage the Grotto which is currently based at Waterlooville Library. Other events such as the Summer Fete will be organised by the Waterlooville Action Group and the Cinema may be managed by a local church or community group.

New HR policy

A new Armed Forces HR Reserves Forces Training and Mobilisation policy is being presented to the HR and Joint Staff Committee on 3rd March. We do not currently employ any Reservists at HBC, but this policy may attract Reservists to apply for job opportunities at Havant Borough Council in the future. This new policy will also support the newly acquired Silver ERS (Employers Recognition Scheme) award which Havant was granted in July 2021 in addition to the bronze award.

Sport & Leisure

Hayling Island New Skatepark Provision

A specialist skatepark contractor, Maverick, has been appointed through a tender process to undertake the design and build of the new skatepark following Sport and Leisure officers securing a further £25,000 of S106 funding. The £200,000 project is now fully funded, through £75,000 Veolia Community Fund, £80,000 S106 and £45,000 raised by Hayling Skatepark Group.

Following kick off meetings, the project is currently preparing community consultation by way of engaging with the user group and the wider community through survey. The contractor will then begin to design the new concrete skatepark based on the engagement.

Officers are managing the engagement, design and build through to completion.

Waterlooville Recreation Ground Play area refurbishment

Officers have attended kick off meetings with the contractor Eibe Play, who were appointed following a tender process, to build a vibrant, inclusive and natural looking design in Waterlooville Recreation Ground.

Construction of the £90,000 project is scheduled to begin in March 2022. Officers will continue monitoring the contract and the delivery of the project through to successful completion.

Get Up & Go – Get Going Again Funding

Following successfully securing £70,000 funding from Hampshire County Council's Get Going Again fund, planning is underway for the next phase of the Get Up and Go project. This will include significant adaptations and new activities as the project transitions to provide support to clinically extremely vulnerable residents through engagement in community-based physical activity and social opportunities.

Officer focus is also currently on delivering a final evaluation of Get Up and Go in its current form, for Sport England as funders and for all stakeholders. This is using focus groups, case studies and surveys working with the insight team. This insight will form a summary project report, as well as assist in shaping the new project delivery.

Football Foundation - Local Authority Grass Pitch Programme

As part of the Football Foundation's Local Authority Grass Pitch Improvement Programme, Officers are currently working with partners at the Football Foundation, Hampshire FA, Ground Maintenance Association and Norse to assess the quality of the borough's 23 grass football pitches. This review will be completed by the end of March 2022.

This first stage of the programme will provide findings that will enable officers and partners to devise a delivery plan on how to improve pitch quality.

This delivery plan is anticipated to unlock the opportunity for substantial funds from the Football Foundation to be utilised towards the improvement of grass pitches and support the growth of local football clubs.

Havant are one of only two local authorities in Hampshire to be part of this scheme.

Community Infrastructure Levy

The revised Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Spending Protocol is addressed through a separate report before the Full Council in this agenda. This has already been considered by the Planning Policy Committee. The deputations given by the Emsworth Neighbourhood Planning Forum and Cllr

Kennett were certainly noted and following the Planning Policy Committee, myself, the leader and Cllr Bowerman have met with the Forum to discuss their concerns openly. The Forum, working with the Emsworth Residents Association and the Emsworth Community Land Trust, are intending to bring forward a number of infrastructure projects. Discussions are ongoing and reassurance was given that within the proposed CIL Spending Protocol, the Council will continue to work with and support the Forum in bringing forward projects in Emsworth.

CIL Recent Expenditure

Since 03/02/22, we are pleased to confirm the following spends are either complete or in process of being completed (date information collated 02/03/2022):

Project Reference in Exacom	Name of Project	Date agreed	Strategic CIL (S) or Neighbourhood CIL (N)	Amount of CIL spent (rounded)
200	Enhanced Access for People with Disabilities at 3rd Hayling Scout Group	24/02/2021	N	£8,000

S106 Recent Expenditure

Similarly, we are pleased to confirm the following S106 spends are either complete or in process of being completed since 03/02/2022 (date information collated 02/03/2022):

Project No in Exacom	Name of Project	Planning Application No and Name	Amount per Planning Application	Total Amount of S106 Spend (rounded)
203	Community Worker (Major Development Area)	APP/10/00828 (Grainger Development Site Land West of, London Road, Waterlooville)	£6,400	£6,400

Our public facing Exacom System provides up-to-date information on CIL and S106 income and expenditure and can be viewed via this link:

<https://pfm.exacom.co.uk/havant/>