

## **Leader of the Council – Councillor Alex Rennie**

### **Policy development**

Work has been underway on refreshing our Corporate Strategy. Our current Corporate Strategy was developed and approved during the joint management arrangements and the new refreshed Corporate Strategy will reflect our ambitions as a standalone Council. Management Team and Cabinet have held various sessions to review and consider the emerging Strategy and staff have also been involved in its development with feedback incorporated from the all staff event in July. The new Strategy will clearly set out our vision for the Borough and how we plan on delivering that vision. Key projects will be highlighted which will be taken forward for delivery and the benefits of those projects will be clearly articulated with a link back up to the vision.

### **Council performance against corporate strategy**

Quarter One performance report was taken forward to Cabinet in September which included our work on the mid-year budget refresh to reflect our new management team and staffing structure.

The quarter has seen the implementation of a balanced scorecard looking at our performance against four quadrants (customer and community, learning and growth, financial and internal processes). The balanced scorecard will be further developed to reflect the refreshed Corporate Strategy for quarter two onwards.

In terms of performance, our internal processes continue to perform strongly. Our planning key performance indicators for turnaround time of planning applications are all within target and our collection rates for Council Tax and Business rates are on target. Our waste collection service continues to suffer from national shortages of qualified HGV drivers with the number of missed bins higher than we would like, this is also impacting our customer service performance. However, work has been ongoing with Norse to improve the service and ensure that recruitment is prioritised with incentive-based initiatives.

### **Regeneration**

#### **Waterlooville Town Centre**

Officers are now commencing work on a strategic plan and timeline to progress regeneration in Waterlooville. This incorporates;

- short-term measures to improve the physical appearance and fabric of the town centre
- public and business engagement utilising the forum set up in October for the Local Plan

- development of a deliverable master plan and vision for the town centre including a consultation process and communications plan with a commitment for this to be completed by June 2023
- attraction of public and private sector investment
- capacity & resources required to deliver

### **UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan**

Under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, Havant BC has been allocated £1m of Government Funding over a 3-year period. This is to support a programme of activity under the three national themes of 1) Communities & Place 2) Support Business 3) People and skills.

Havant's allocation is as follows;

	<b>22-23</b>	<b>23-24</b>	<b>24-25</b>	<b>total</b>
Havant	£101,794	£203,588	£694,617	£1,000,000

In order to start to draw down the funding, Havant BC submitted an initial investment plan to DHLUC on 29 July. We expect the plan will be approved and the first payment made in October 2022. The content of the investment plan can be reviewed and refined over the fund's 3 year timeframe.