

## **Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Lead for Community Safety and Transformation – Councillor Narinder Bains**

### **Community Safety**

The Community Safety team has been successful in bid for funding for “Safer Streets 4” under the heading of “The Solent Stands Together”, the bid in partnership with Portsmouth, Fareham, Gosport and the Isle of Wight will see additional steps taken to combat Anti Social Behaviour and provide “SafePlaces” for vulnerable women and girls to report issues and receive support.

The Team has also secured Partnership funds for MOTIV8 and Y Services to provide outreach workers to engage with young people at risk of becoming embroiled in the criminal justice system through involvement in groups engaging in anti-social behaviour in parks open spaces and Town Centres.

Community Safety officers have recently met with senior Police Officers and Meridian Centre Management in relation to enhancing Partnership working in Havant Town Centre.

### **Enforcement & prevention services**

Work is ongoing to build the new enforcement and prevention services with the aim to deliver a multi-skilled seven day a week response and evidence gathering resource. We have completed the initial evidence gathering exercise and will look at the delivery model

Planning enforcement officers are facing unprecedented demand on their services which is resulting in associated delays in service delivery. The team are currently prioritising category 1 and 2 cases i.e. those where permanent harm is likely to occur such as listed buildings, tree preservation orders and those cases with the biggest community impact such as new developments. This is leading to delays in service delivery causing some customer dissatisfaction. To address this issue Neighbourhood Quality Officers have received training to provide uniformed site visits and undertake category three cases such as untidy sites, unlawful advertising and businesses operating from home. The recruitment of a Principal Planning Enforcement Officer is currently ongoing.

### **Environmental health**

HBC, in partnership with Southern Water have launched a real-time water quality testing buoy off the coast of Hayling Island. The monitoring device is fixed to a buoy around 400 metres offshore of Beachlands Central, and will automatically measure the water quality every few minutes, which SW and HBC will openly share with the public later this year, although prior to doing so we are currently undergoing a period of calibration and data interpretation.

### **Solent Freeport**

Full business case has been submitted and we await confirmation of success in the Autumn.