

Cabinet Lead for Levelling-Up – Councillor Tim Pike

Levelling Up Fund - Havant Town Centre

The Levelling Up Fund application for the delivery of the first phase of the Regeneration of Havant Town Centre was submitted to Government on 28 July, ahead of the 2 August deadline. The proposed project incorporates redevelopment and refurbishment of the Meridian centre to deliver increased cultural, employment and educational opportunities alongside contemporary town living and an enhanced retail and commercial offer.

With the Council's support, Hampshire County Council have also submitted a separate bid as Highways Authority for the replacement of Havant Station footbridge. We expect a decision on whether each application has been successful in October 2022.

Link Up Leigh Park

To move forward in supporting young people aged 16-24 living in Leigh Park, Havant Borough Council has been a recipient of funding awarded by The Health Foundation that will aim to deliver and facilitate projects to empower young people to access opportunities in training, skills and employability. The Link Up Leigh Park Programme will take place over a 3-year period and will promote young people to take steps towards employment and quality, healthy living.

Connected to the Link Up Leigh Park Programme is the Link Up Employability Hub. This is a DWP partnership programme working with Havant and Cosham Job Centre to support young people across the borough with funding for 2 years. The youth employment service is designed to support young people into education, employment and training. The service was formally launched on the 8th September at Leigh Park Learning Centre.

If a 16-24 year old living in the Borough would like to access the service of the Link Up Employability Hub, you can fill out a referral form here: <https://www.havant.gov.uk/make-contact-our-link-hub-team>

Plaza

A project team has been set up to look at the next steps for the Café area. The Property Team are in the process of appointing an agent to find a suitable new occupier, and the agent will contact interested parties once this is known.

For Councillors information, the Leaders Room has now been relocated from the ground floor to B block first floor in B144. The Members room remains in its current location (B025) on the ground floor with an additional table added for larger meetings for members use.

The old Members Room (first floor B Block) has now been returned to the wider use of those working in the Plaza and added to the room booking system for staff to utilise.

Capita 5 Councils

We continue to monitor the 5Cs Contact performance and support Mendip District Council as they prepare to exit as they move to a unitary authority in March 2023.

Officers have recently attended a 5Cs IT Roadmap workshop with Capita to capture and plan for the Councils IT requirements up until the end of the 5Cs Contract in September 2025. Planning is underway on the Council's Digital strategy post the 5Cs Contract.

Civil Engineering and Landscape Team

Warblington Footbridge Feasibility – HBC CIL Funded

Network Rail (NR) and its design contractors are working on three options for the footbridge. An internal review workshop is planned for the 23rd September, from which a front runner option is to be progressed along with the Disability Impact Assessment (on which CELT will be working with NR). This stage (GRIP3) is on track to be completed by December.

Havant Park Tree Damage

CELT are overseeing the works to rectify the damage caused by the fallen London Plane tree at the entrance to Havant Park. The tree has been removed and a large section has been retained to create a sculpture for the jubilee. Works to make safe railings and walls have been completed by NORSE.

Bushy Lease Cycle Route – HBC CIL Funded

An interim Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) and a Method Statement have now been produced and reviewed. Further work, including an additional site visit is being carried out in September and the finalised report is expected in October. The ecological report detailing the extent of the bat corridor through the route is being rewritten and is due to be delivered in September / October. Nevertheless, the design for Phase 1 (Park House Farm Way to the Hermitage stream) is ongoing and is due to be completed by September.

The detailed design of the section (Phase 2) of the route from the Hermitage stream to Fitzwygram Way must avoid the bat corridor and will therefore be finalised following the delivery of the report. However, it is due to go out to tender at the same time as Phase 1.

Hobby Close, Waterlooville – drainage: CIL neighbourhood fund & WeBig Local

L&S Waste has been appointed as the contractor, but due to the need to obtain approval for pre-start planning conditions the works on site have been re-arranged to start in spring 2023 for 10 weeks, to avoid working in the wet (and muddy) season.

Scratchface Lane, Bedhampton recreation ground

No further design work on this project will be undertaken until we have practical experience from the similar Hobby Close scheme (above).

Transforming Cities Fund – HCC / DfT Funded**Elmleigh Road:**

Contract Audit stage 1 has been completed and documents and drawings are being reviewed ready to submit for Contract Audit stage 2 on 5th September. This will allow the scheme to proceed to tender for delivery on-site in 2023 – site supervision will be undertaken by HCC. Dedication of land owned by HBC to be within an extended highway boundary is being progressed in parallel with this process.

Leigh Park Local Access Zone:

Both Botley Drive and Purbrook designs have been completed with both projects currently out to tender, return date 12th September. We expect to appoint a contractor late September. Proposed Construction end of October 2022.

Bedhampton Road: Detailed design on a revised scheme incorporating a westbound bus lane at the bus stop is drawing to a close with the aim to be at tender by the end of September and on site early in the new year.

Rusty Cutter Link Road congestion scheme – HBC CIL Funded

Discussion with planning colleagues regarding the scope of the CIL funded scheme is to be agreed. This will concentrate on delivering the cycle route element of the CIL project, with carriageway changes perhaps to be proposed through developer contributions. An application for funding as a Designated Fund (DF) scheme through National Highways is also being sought, with no objection in principle at this stage; if this is successful it would be possible to carry out both the carriageway widening and creating the cycle track, at the same time. However only National Highways officers can apply for the DF funding, so CELT will be liaising with them to progress any design with the CIL funding in this scenario being match funding to any DF award.

Emsworth Town Centre Accessibility - HCC Funded

Emsworth Town Centre Accessibility comprises 3 schemes: 1. Havant Road (Improving accessibility for cyclists), 2. Victoria Road (Safer routes to school) and 3. Bridge Road (Improving accessibility for pedestrians). Design on the Havant Road scheme has been completed and the plans passed to HCC for implementation as a maintenance project timed for Q3 2022 due to the timescales involved in the revoking the TRO for the mandatory cycle lane between Highland Road and Bridge Road. Consultation to revoke the TRO has commenced and the entire process may take up to 6 months. Design of the Victoria Road scheme has been approved in-house and the drawings have been forwarded to the client for approval. We are still awaiting approval from the client but in the meantime a Bill of Quantities and contract documents are being drawn up. Once the client confirms the design is approved it

will be forwarded to Asset Management for the comments / approval. Design on the Bridge Road scheme has commenced.

Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) – HCC Funded

The public consultation has been carried out on the draft LCWIP. This is now being subsumed as an element of the development of the new Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) which HCC expects to have in place next spring.

Milton Road Bus layby and Elettra Avenue HBC CIL Funded

Milton Road: HCC Asset Management comments about the concrete layby are now being incorporated into the design.

Elettra Avenue: Drawings have now been checked and recommended changes have been incorporated into the design. The drawings are awaiting final in-house approval. Implementation of this design may be delayed to allow negotiations with the local developers over additional financial contributions. This would allow the CIL funding to be spread further.

Hambledon Road – HBC CIL & WCC Funded

The design of the Hambledon Road scheme includes a raised table at the junction with the Hundred and this has been sent to the Road Safety Audit for comments. We are awaiting their response and have sent them a reminder.

Havant Rugby Football Club – HBC CIL Funded

Funding resolved and aiming to be on site during the October half term.

Hooks Row, Leigh Park Shared Path – HBC CIL Funded

Scheme near completion with small outstanding works required including signage and lining, awaiting HCC approval as within highway. HCC needs to get the TRO in place. Updated drawings have been sent to HCC

Northney, Surface Water Drainage – HBC funded

Works to be brought forward, creating a forebay at the culvert outfall and some 'bagwork' adjacent to the resident's garage to reinforce that side of the watercourse.