

Havant Borough Council Leader Portfolio Report 16 October 2013

Budget

Work has begun in earnest on this and the very challenging position for the Council over the next few years. I wish to address the Council personally about this topic at Full Council.

Corporate Strategy

As you know we have been working using a technique called 'Future Basing' to help us as the elected Councillors to determine the needs and wants of the many communities in our Borough over the next few years and beyond 2020 and how the Council will meet these needs through its services. This work will be considered at a Councillor Strategy Day on 26th November. I am very keen that all Councillors support this important work by attending please. We also have an international speaker booked that day <http://www.thesumoguy.com/>.

Dunsbury Hill Farm

Pinch point funding has been achieved. We supported a bid by HCC for Pinch Point funding to improve the ASDA roundabout, which would improve the current issues, and the links to Waterlooville and to the Dunsbury Hill Farm site.

The bid has been successful and Dept. for Transport have committed to contribute £3.7m, with HCC and developers contributing the remaining £1.6m.

The original bid is at

<http://www.hants.gov.uk/rh/transport/ASDA%20roundabout%20application.pdf>

and the DFT announcement is at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-pinch-point-fund-approved-schemes-for-tranche-3>

Other work and Meetings held in my capacity as Leader:

- Meeting with Marianne Abley, Principal Associate – IESE regarding the work they undertake in the field of procurement.
- Partnership for Urban South Hampshire Joint Committee work and Chairmanship of the ED Panel – I continue to work on the regeneration opportunities for Havant and the wider South Coast of Hampshire. This is particularly challenging in the new world of Local Enterprise Partnerships and most of the regeneration based funding moving through these predominantly business-run organisations.