

**Cabinet Lead Report –****Councillor Gwen Robinson - Cabinet Lead for Affordable Housing, Communities and CIL****Community relations, including sport, leisure and play parks****Grow it, Cook it, Eat it**

The funding from South West Trains has been agreed and applied for, and the money from the Neighbourhood Portion of the CIL is also agreed. Officers have worked with colleagues in Environmental Services to source a suitable plot to get the work started. Officers are meeting with the Pay Back Team to talk about them helping to clear the site and will then work with Oarsome Chance to build the structures on the site and more. Oarsome Change is a charity, working out of the Apex Centre supporting young people who have been permanently excluded from school. They are considering the possibility of offering these young people a City & Guilds in Horticulture, using this project as the practical side and possible work experience. Other suitable groups will be contacted to work in partnership on this project.

**Springwood Community Orchard**

There is now have a group of local volunteers who are willing to take this forward. The newly constituted group will use the time between now and the next planting season to set up themselves up and prepare the ground. Officers hope to be planting around October/November 2023. The inaugural meeting is at the beginning of June. The funds for this project were secured as part of the successful 'Levelling Up' application which will see the refurbishment of the Springwood Play Park.

**Havant Dementia Festival**

Promotion and planning for Havant Borough Council's first Havant Dementia Festival continues. The event takes place on Friday 16th June from 10:00am to 2.00pm at the Plaza.

This is a free, drop-in for people living with Dementia, their carers, friends and families to seek advice and support from local charities and organisations.

The festival will consist of a main 'marketplace' with 20+ stalls and information stands, free legal advice, live musical entertainment, arts and craft sessions. There will also be physical activity sessions and a defibrillator session. Refreshments will also be available

### **Ukraine drop-in sessions**

Our family drop-in sessions for Ukrainian refugees and hosts living in the Borough of Havant continue. Our 6th session takes place on Tuesday 18th July, between 11am and 2pm at the Plaza. Face to face advice and support will be on offer from the Community and Housing team, Health service, Citizen Advice, Rural Refugee Network, The Spring, Community First, MIND, Horizon Leisure Centre, The Police and more.

There are currently 107 hosts registered, 74 Ukraine families arrived (138 guests arrived), 55 guests who have moved out and 83 guests that are still with hosts in the Havant Borough area.

### **Ukrainian Communications**

Officers from the community team continue to compile the Ukrainian bulletin which goes out every 6 weeks. It covers events, useful information and much more. Each bulletin is in English and Ukraine. Subscription has risen to 193 and continues to rise.

The team are working closely with a couple of translation companies to deliver written translations for the Bulletin and Housing leaflets. Partner organisations, and other internal teams, are also offered the opportunity to have relevant leaflets translated. For example, Get Up and Go, Housing, Mind, Citizens' Advice etc. The team use two in person translators at each drop in.

The team are keen to help our guests integrate and recognise the importance of celebrating Ukrainian culture. There are now three additional events running to support Ukrainian integration. Chatty Cafes, Ukraine Arts and Crafts and The Two Colours choir. Working in collaboration with the Spring and now with nine members, the choir are planning three future events: a celebration of Kupala (Midsummer) at the Plaza, choir performance at the Spring and a large concert with various choirs planned for later in the year.

A new ESOL course is currently being advertised which will be run by Rural Refugees from the Pallant Centre in Havant. There will be a beginners and intermediate course, starting in June. This is to supplement the work being done at the College and is less formal and more conversational. It is hoped this, along with the chatty cafes, will help our guests gain their English language skills more quickly.

### **Havant Borough Community Lottery**

The Havant Lottery currently has 107 registered Good Causes, 718 players are purchasing tickets and £214,389 has been raised for local Good Causes since 2018.

The Spring Community Fund round has just taken place, registered Good Causes were invited to apply for up to £2,000 to support their community projects and activities. The panel have recently awarded funds to a range of projects including a summer fayre in Waterlooville, a specially adapted motorised wheelchair for

Bedhampton Bowls club, Dementia Travel and activity guides to support people living with the condition, singing classes for older people in the Havant area and food package support for local families.

Gatherwell, the company which manages the lottery for HBC, have informed us that the Government has published it's long awaited white paper, HighStakes: Gambling Reform for the Digital Age.

Within it there are various recommendations which have been put forward. For Gatherwell, the most noteworthy recommendation for operators is to move the legal age limit to 18 for lottery ticket purchases. Consequently, they have decided to transition to a minimum legal age of 18 by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

### **Armed Forces**

The Havant Borough Armed Forces Stakeholder group meeting takes place on 26th June at the Plaza. This is an excellent opportunity to bring local support organisations, charities, community groups, Veterans and serving personnel together to share information and explore opportunities to work together in partnership. There are currently 45 members, we hope this group will look at future events, projects and funding opportunities that will better support the Armed Forces community.

Officers have been working with HR to update the Guaranteed Interview Scheme for Veterans HR policy. This is a recruitment policy which is attached to all job advertisements and guarantees Veterans an interview if they meet the job specification.

An internal Armed Forces staff support group has been set up, anyone connected to the Armed Forces community can join, whether they are a veteran, a Reservist, spouse or have a family member in the forces. This is a place where people can share experiences, ask for support, and share relevant information with one another. 5 officers attended the last meeting, they found the session useful and are keen to meet again.

Armed Forces week takes place from 19th June, the Mayor will lead on a flag raising service, followed by refreshments at the Plaza. Members of the Havant Borough Armed Forces Stakeholder group have been invited to attend and/or give a speech if they so wish. HBC currently employs one Reservist, he is happy to give an overview of his role at Havant and within the Reserves and is appreciative of the support he receives within the Council.

### **Events**

Summer events are up and running. This year, the team are seeing much larger events than previously - this may be due to Covid no longer being a factor. To date officers have dealt with 17 events and have several planned for the summer. Notification of the following large-scale events have been received: Party in the Warren, Waterlooville Summer Fete, Bedhampton Summer show and Kids Party in the Park.

## Christmas 2023

The team are starting to plan the work programme for Christmas and decide what contracts are needed to make this as successful as possible.

## **Horizon Wellbeing Hub @ The Meridian Centre**

Horizon Leisure have taken on a Tenancy at Will, to occupy a vacant unit of the Meridian Centre and operate it as a community wellbeing hub.

This innovative project will provide health checks, small group exercise classes and 1-2-1 support for people in becoming more active in a welcoming and friendly environment. It aims to encourage residents who wouldn't usually engage with physical activity within a traditional leisure centre or gym environment.

Leisure officers secured £30,000 of S106 funding for the refit of the unit and have confirmed a partnership agreement with Horizon. Agreed KPI's will be monitored to evidence the impact of the facility and its associated programmes on the health of local residents.

The Wellbeing Hub opens on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

## **Waterlooville Leisure Centre Extension Project**

Plans to extend the Waterlooville Leisure Centre, working with Horizon Leisure progress following the completion of a feasibility study by Strategic Leisure.

The study identified a viable facility mix and cost estimates for the project. The ambition is to improve the outdoor facilities with two small sided 3g football pitches and 2 Padel Tennis courts. Internally, a modernisation and restructure of the fitness offer aims to provide new high intensity and lower intensity studio spaces and the opportunity to co-locate health services.

The final project scope is however subject to the level of funding secured.

Given the centres location bordering neighbouring authorities and major housing developments which will increase resident footfall to the centre, Leisure Officers have submitted applications for CIL funding to East Hampshire District Council for £1m and to Winchester District Council for £200k. Decisions are due in August 2023. If successful, these funds would support £1.2m of S106 funding held by HBC for this purpose. The S106 funding can be secured for the project following confirmation of planning certainty.

Horizon Leisure are currently appointing a consultant team at their cost to complete pre planning works that include ecology, transport and arboriculture assessments for the scheme to enable progression to submitting an outline planning application.

### **Tennis Court Refurbishment and Management**

Leisure officers secured an investment of £218,000 from the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) and £30,000 of S106, to refurbish tennis court sites across the borough.

Refurbishment works have been completed at Jubilee Park, Havant Park and Purbrook Heath. The works have included resurfacing, fencing improvements, surface colour coating, new nets and posts and new electronic gate access systems. Cowplain Recreation ground will also be completed in July 2023.

Emsworth Recreation Ground and Bidbury Mead, which have also been refurbished in recent years, will be receiving new electronic gate access technology.

Officers are currently working to appoint an operator to manage the HBC owned tennis court sites across the borough following the refurbishment programme.

The operator will manage court bookings and maximise tennis opportunities, by providing coaching programmes and initiatives that target those most inactive and least likely to participate in tennis. They must also offer some free to access tennis.

The operator will generate an income from user bookings to manage the maintenance and operations of the courts and will provide an annual sinking fund to HBC to be retained towards the future costs of court refurbishments. This provides long term, sustainable tennis provision in the borough.

### **Playing Pitch Strategy Review**

Working together with the Planning Policy team, consultants Strategic Leisure, have been appointed through a procurement process to complete a review of the HBC Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS).

This work is underway and will provide an updated PPS, which is an evidenced based strategy for the Building a Better Future Plan – the new Local Plan for Havant Borough.

The strategy will review supply and demand of sports pitches and assess their quality and quantity. It pulls together data to provide recommendations and an action plan for the protection, enhancement and provision of new sports pitches and ancillary facilities. The document provides strategic justification for future investment and project delivery.

The process follows Sport England's methodology and involves sign off by a steering group of HBC officers, Sports National Governing Bodies and Sport England at each stage of development. It also includes consultation with local sports clubs.

The timeframe for completion of the final report is late summer 2023.

### **Springwood Avenue, Stakes, Play Area Refurbishment**

After a very competitive selection process which involved reviewing submissions from 5 different playpark contractors, Kompan Ltd have been awarded the contract for Springwood Avenue and are due to begin work on site in mid-July.

£90k of funding, consisting of contributions from the Department of Levelling Up and S106 has been allocated. The refurbishment will see the removal of all existing equipment and new items will be installed. This will include 2 new multi units, swings, spinning and rocking items, multisensory play panels as well as new benches and bins. The project will be completed by the end of summer 2023.

### **Front Lawn, Leigh Park and Bidbury Mead, Bedhampton Play Area Refurbishments**

The sport and leisure team have evaluated tender submissions for both these play areas and contracts have been awarded. Officers are pleased that there have been different contractors submit for both these sites.

Wicksteed have been awarded the Front Lawn contract (£110,000) and Proludic the Bidbury Mead (£112,000). Each project is funded in full by CIL Neighbourhood portion. Both sites are due to have work completed by the end of summer 2023.

### **Spencers Field, Emsworth Play Area Refurbishment**

Officers have worked with colleagues in the Insight team to undertake community engagement to better understand the needs of the community at this site. Feedback from community engagement has informed the specification for works.

The tender is currently live for contractors to submit their proposals with evaluation to follow at the end of June.

The total project budget available for this refurbishment project is £85,000.

### **Eastoke Corner, Hayling Island Refurbishment**

Community consultation for the refurbishment of the Playpark, MUGA and outdoor gym at Eastoke corner is now complete. The whole site will use an investment of £200k CIL Neighbourhood portion funding to remove all old equipment and replace with new. This will include separated areas for play and exercise as well as a new enclosed multi use games area. The contract is due to go out to tender in June, where 6 different contractors will be invited to bid. Work is estimated to begin on the site in the Autumn of 2023.

### **Hayling Island Dirt Jumps Refurbishment**

The current dirt jump area consists of dirt jumps and other obstacles used for bicycles.

The facility was originally used by a group who were set up to maintain and use the facility, including altering the jumps. Sadly, this is no longer possible due to the need for the Council to ensure the facility is safe to use for all, as well as ensuring facilities such as this conform to the relevant safety standards.

As such, officers have worked with specialist contractors to produce concept designs for new purpose-built pump track style cycle provision.

To ensure that any new provision meets the needs of the community, officers will be engaging with residents this summer, through the Citizen Lab tool.

The project has an available budget of £80,000 from UKSPF.

### **Emsworth Pavilion Refurbishment**

Officers are working with Emsworth Cricket Club and other key users to secure a funding shortfall of circa £200,000.

Initial designs and costings have been provided by architects. Internal modernisation of the pavilion is required to create a safeguarding compliant and welcoming space for users, a social space will also be created. Planning permission was secured in 2022.

Officers will identify funding opportunities to meet the shortfall, support user clubs in applying for funding and are leading on the project delivery.

Funds from CIL and S106 have already been secured, to the value of £204,000.

### **Youth Justice Project – Your Goal**

The Youth Justice funded project, Your Goal, taking place at Front Lawn is still underway. Officers are pleased to announce that numbers are strong, averaging between 15 – 20 participants each week who are at risk of entering the criminal justice system. Funding is secured to extend the programme to the summer holidays of 2024. Further funding to extend it beyond this is also being sought and officers are awaiting the outcome of a National Lottery bid to this end. The results of this bid are expected mid-June 2023.

## **Havant Health and Wellbeing Partnership**

Havant Borough Council continues to lead on the Havant Health and Wellbeing Partnership working with partners from the ICB, HCC Public Health, 3 PCNs, Energise Me, Havant and EH MIND, CA Havant, The You Trust.

Officers have recently hosted a series of 'Middle Years' workshops to scope a programme of targeted work across specific groups which will utilise HCC Public Health funding to address the borough's known health inequalities.

Officers from both the Community and Housing teams are planning to invite the Social Prescribers that operate out of the borough's GP surgeries to attend a workshop that will support a greater understanding of health pathways and housing support.

## **Get Up & Go**

The Get Up and Go project has been building rapidly with increasing numbers of activities running, people participating and recognition of the project on social media.

The heritage and flora and fauna walks at Staunton Country Park continue to be a popular feature, and this month saw the addition of a shorter, sensory walk which can accommodate people with dementia and their carers. These are monthly walks in conjunction with Dementia friendly Hampshire and the first walk had 9 people attend.

Other new activities include Stand Up Paddle boarding, which has been able to provide people with mild and moderate health conditions the chance to try this activity for £15, heavily discounted by funding from the project. This activity booked up rapidly and will see 36 people take part. There is also a number of Nordic walking courses starting, all fully booked and using Hayling island seafront, Front Lawn community hub and Staunton Country Park. Another exciting addition has been a women's only boxing course at Leigh Park Community centre, starting this month.

There are many more new activities starting over the next few months along with our existing successful sessions of Tai Chi, Yoga, walking football, walking netball, coastal rowing and lawn bowling, all which continue across the borough.

The Physical Activity Project Officer is now beginning to evaluate the people attending the activities and how the Get Up and Go project has impacted on their lives. This will be included in the next cabinet lead report.

Finally, the Ramblers Wellbeing walks across the borough are building up again, due to the Physical Activity Project Officer training 6 new walk leaders in May. 2 new walks started last month, one at Barton's field and the other at North Hayling. Officers also hope to have a 3rd new one at Bidbury.



## **Horizon Leisure - Health and Wellbeing Team Update**

Since relaunching the Health referral scheme in October Horizon have received over 300 referrals, this scheme provides support to those living with health conditions to be active. Under the Health and Wellbeing banner, Horizon deliver 16 weekly classes which have attracted over 1750 visits since October. These classes include Stroke rehabilitation, Long Term Condition Swim, Cardiac Rehabilitation, Falls Prevention and ESCAPE-Pain a class specific for people living with osteoarthritis of the knee and hip.

## **Community Safety**

Instillation of the 4 redeployable CCTV cameras in Waterlooville precinct began on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023. Officers from the Neighbourhood Quality team will continue to work in partnership with the police and Y Services to deter the ASB which has been witnessed in the area.

## **Community Safety initiatives**

At Havant Borough Council we have a SaferStreets4 project which has stemmed from the Government's Violence Against Women and Girls initiative.

In partnership with Portsmouth City, Gosport, Fareham and the Isle of Wight we received £733,551 to invest in a number of projects to help tackle anti-social behaviour and violence against women and girls.

Our bid has five workstreams to combat behaviour and offer support to women and girls:

'Mentoring in Violence Prevention': Training to be delivered in schools (aimed at secondary and colleges) with the intent that young people are trained to mentor their peers and challenge behaviour. This is to develop an early intervention system in schools owned and fulfilled by the students themselves.

To date 11 schools across the five councils have signed up to the scheme. In Havant, The Hayling College and Havant and South Downs College have signed up.

'We Stand Together' (Safe Space Network): Led by Portsmouth Abuse and Rape Counselling Service (PARCS) working with businesses to develop safe places for those feeling vulnerable to go to for support and help, primarily focused on businesses involved in night-time economy. This includes specific training for staff, toolkits, resources and ongoing support for delivery.

This work is in progress. In Havant, Motiv8 based at The Hub in Leigh Park have received the training.

'Community In Motion': Training, providing those working in the night-time economy key skills regarding awareness and reduction of Violence Against Women and Girls, and also how to be a positive bystander within the Community.

436 participants received the Community in Motion training across the 5 councils. Havant's Neighbourhood Quality Officers and the Parking Civil Enforcement Officers undertook this training.

'With You' – Working with women in the sex industry to ensure that they know that help and support is available to them.

Survey work is underway.

Situational Measures to target Anti-Social Behaviour – For Havant this directly involves our Community Safety Partners, Motiv8, delivering dedicated youth support work to challenge anti-social behaviour, offer support, and provide outreach activities. This will include a mobile 'Safe Place - We Stand Together' vehicle for use during these outreach sessions to provide a quieter space for conversations and advise.

Motiv8 have already begun their detached sessions and engagement with young people. This vehicle is on a shared agreement from Gosport Community Safety Partnership, is being 'wrapped' this week and will be delivered for Motiv8 to start using. They hope to have it in place for the 'Party for The Warren', Saturday 8 July.

### **New Developments**

Officers continue to work closely with other HBC teams to facilitate liaison meetings with residents, developers, ward members and other key stakeholders.

A summary update is:-

- Sinah Lane has 67 dwellings in build currently, 11 dwellings are now complete and occupied.
- All 50 units are sold on the Lower Road development and will be occupied by August 2023.
- St Georges Avenue - All homes complete. Awaiting remedial pavement/road repairs and the entrance to be completed by Hampshire Highways.
- Harbour Place, Barratts - Works still ongoing, residents have moved into completed homes, some inbuilding still going on. (Awaiting stats from Barratts.)
- David Wilson- Works still ongoing, residents have moved into some of the 54 completed homes. There are 27 inbuilding, but all foundations have now been laid apart from 6. The bird scrapes are in place and the ponds marked out.
- Portsdown View Care Home - The home is on target to open 12th June 2023 There are 2 reserved rooms and 28 live enquiries. A site visit is booked for 08.06.23.
- Camp Field- Works awaiting the go ahead, advised within a couple of weeks. Currently clearing the site of the 3 previous buildings and making an entrance and compound.
- The Thicket- Works ongoing to clear the area and the trial of the banks. Fencing is being erected around more of the site currently.

## **Affordable Housing**

### **Affordable Housing delivery**

Summary: 2023/2024 has seen a good start to the new build affordable housing delivery in the borough. Vivid had a handover of 52 new homes up to 31/05/2023 over 4 sites:

- Elm Tree Place (the Colt International site) in New Lane, Havant
- Harbour Place (40 Acres) in Bedhampton
- St Thomas' Mead (Manor Farm) in Bedhampton
- Woodcroft Farm, Cowplain.

These properties include:

- Social Rent= 29
- Affordable Rent= 20
- Shared Ownership= 3
- **TOTAL 52**

The new Pebble Walk (Sinah Lane) site in South Hayling Island should see its first affordable homes handed over to Aster in June 2023.

Once planning approval has been gained Vivid hope to deliver another 72 affordable homes throughout 2024/2025 on the Dunsbury Way site in Leigh Park. These will be a mixture of 1- & 2-bedroom apartments all to be let as Social Rent.

- **Hampshire Home Choice**

Current active applications to Havant Borough Council through Hampshire Home Choice as at 30/05/2023:

|                    | <b>Band<br/>1</b> | <b>Band<br/>2</b> | <b>Band<br/>3</b> | <b>Band 4</b> | <b>Grand<br/>Total</b> |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| 1                  | 2                 | 89                | 686               | 50            | 827                    |
| 2                  | 1                 | 39                | 555               | 13            | 608                    |
| 3                  | 2                 | 23                | 344               | 6             | 375                    |
| 4                  |                   | 16                | 55                | 1             | 72                     |
| 5                  |                   |                   | 2                 |               | 2                      |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>5</b>          | <b>167</b>        | <b>1642</b>       | <b>70</b>     | <b>1884</b>            |

**Hampshire Home Choice Waiting Times 22/23**

|             | <b>Band 2</b>    | <b>Band 3</b>     | <b>Band 4</b> |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Bedsit      | 11 months        | 2 years 4 months  | N/A           |
| 1 bed       | 1 year 8 months  | 6 years 4 months  | N/A           |
| 2 bed flat  | 1 year 1 month   | 2 years 5 months  | N/A           |
| 2 bed house | 1 year 9 months  | 4 years 11 months | N/A           |
| 3 bed       | 1 year 11 months | 5 years 3 months  | N/A           |
| 4+ bed      | 3 years 3 months | N/A               | N/A           |

**Housing Association Liaison**

Regular in-person quarterly liaison meetings are held with the Guinness Partnership, our largest provider of social housing with over 4000 properties across our borough.

Meetings are attended by Cllr Gwen Robinson, manager representatives from the Housing Services team, Clare Easton-Regional Head of Customer Service, Ian Joynson- Executive Director of Asset Management, both from TGP, and enable discussion relating to both strategic and operational matters.

The latest on 26/05/2023 covered topics including:

- TGP Void Standard prior to re-let
- Provision of carpets
- Pets policy
- Letting policy regarding those with current/spent convictions
- Update on damp, mould, and repair cases.
- TGP Management Move policy

Next meeting currently scheduled for 24/08/2023.

**Homelessness**

Summary: The start of 2023/2024 has seen increasing demand for the housing service. With increases in temporary accommodation placements. Brent House is in full use. B&B use remains steady with no families being housed for more than 6 weeks. Local provision remains a challenge for the service and the reduction of out of area placements is a priority for the team. The team will also be focussing on prevention with early intervention with landlords and families being the key areas of work. Numbers are as follows:

**Totals:**

| <b>Temporary accommodation</b> | <b>Brent House</b> | <b>B&amp;B</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 82                             | 25                 | 15             | 122          |

**Number of households (single and families) in TA and B&B**

| In Havant | Out of area | Total |
|-----------|-------------|-------|
| 58        | 64          | 122   |

**Type of accommodation:**

| Self-contained | Supported | B&B | Total |
|----------------|-----------|-----|-------|
| 64             | 43        | 15  | 122   |

Brent House continues to offer a solution for a mix of single residents and families and all rooms are occupied. The focus here is getting people tenancy ready so they can move on into settled accommodation and to help people sustain those tenancies. This will free up rooms in Brent House.

The team will be welcoming a new prevention and advice officer on the 4th of July 2023, who will replace the officer who left HBC in April 2023.

DLUHC Homeless Support & Advice Team conducted a deep dive on 25 May 2023 to measure the success of the implementation of the housing service improvement plan. Feedback is that the deep dive was successful and government officials are happy with progress against actions and the plans that are in place to complete the remaining actions.

**Other activity:**

- The team are working with Two Saints and Horizon to secure accessible physical activities for households/people at Brent House.
- The team are also working with the local Primary Care Networks to offer housing workshops to provide housing advice and training to medical staff.
- A housing team officer has been nominated as the single point of contact for the Link Up Leigh Park/Youth Hub to offer housing advice and use prevention activities to prevent homelessness among young people in the borough.
- The BEAM pilot was launched in May and to date **22** clients have been referred to the scheme. 12 have completed the sign-up form and **9** are attending onboard meetings. The team will be able to provide progress on this work in Q2.
- As part of our efforts to maximise non-commissioned services we have partnered with the charity Hope in Action, who have now provided two properties in the Havant area, for which we can nominate **6** people with support needs. This is at no cost to the council.
- The team continue to utilise the Homeless Prevention Grant to provide rent in advance or a deposit to enable people to access private rented

accommodation. The team can also support people into social housing by providing rent in advance.

- Alongside colleagues in the Community Team, Housing services continue to offer support to Ukrainian nationals in the host arrangements and will support those moving on from their hosts into the private sector including negotiating on their behalf with landlords and letting agencies.

## **Freeport**

The Freeport was officially approved by Government in December of last year following the submission of a detailed business case. As a Borough, Havant has a particular interest with Dunsbury Park gaining the status of a Freeport Tax Site. This not only provides incentives to stimulate inward investment and job creation but also potentially provides enhanced access for the Council to future Freeport funding, for example to promote upskilling and access to employment. Whilst much work is going on in the background it will take some time for Freeport delivery to gather pace. In this context it is welcome news that the Freeport's first Chief Executive, James Hassett, starts in post this month.

In addition, the Freeport is recruiting to 4 independent Non-Executive Director (NED) roles who will have senior responsibilities on the Board as Chairs of the 4 Committees in the governance structure:

- Deputy Chair of the Freeport and Chair of the Operations and Delivery Committee.
- Chair of the Retained Rates Investment Committee.
- Chair of the Finance, Resources and Audit Committee.
- Chair of the Remuneration, Employment and Nominations Committee.

The closing date for applications is the 23<sup>rd</sup> June and once in place this strengthened governance should also assist with accelerating progress.

## **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

### **Income**

Annual CIL income has yet to reach pre-pandemic levels. Gross CIL receipts for 2023 (1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023) were: £2,727,048, this was a decline on gross CIL receipts for 2022 (1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022) which were: £3,183,760.

There may be a number of contributory factors including the current housing market, potential labour and materials shortages, emerging Local Plan progress and a number of stalled planning applications.

### **Recent Expenditure**

The following CIL spends are either complete or in process of being completed (data collected 1/6/23):

**Strategic CIL**

| Exacom Project Ref. | Name/Description  | Amount     | Spend Date |
|---------------------|---|------------|------------|
| 23                  | Rusty Cutter Capacity Enhancement                             | £2,642.61  | 31/03/2023 |
| 21                  | Bushy Lease Strategic Sustainable Access Route (CIL and S106) | £9,699.65  | 31/03/2023 |
| 20                  | Warblington Footbridge  | £9,847.65  | 31/03/2023 |
| 67                  | Milton Road Roundabout Accessibility and Safety               | £10,348.06 | 31/03/2023 |
| 68                  | Waterlooville to Denmead Active Travel Corridor               | £12,722.96 | 31/03/2023 |
| 63                  | Hooks Row - Shared Pedestrian and Cycle Link                  | £1,977.00  | 31/03/2023 |
| 134                 | Hayling FCERM Strategy  | £34,498.01 | 31/03/2023 |
| 106                 | Langstone Roundabout Capacity                                 | £281.25    | 31/03/2023 |
| 108                 | Future of Hayling Billy Trail                                 | £744.41    | 31/03/2023 |
| 113                 | Reconstruction of Hayling Billy Feasibility                   | £42,488.75 | 30/01/2023 |
| 114                 | Sporting Development Havant College                           | £562.50    | 17/05/2023 |
| 134                 | Hayling FCERM Strategy  | £88,644.21 | 31/03/2023 |

**The following S106 monies have also been spent:**

| Exacom Project Ref. | Name/Description   | App No       | Amount     | Spend Date |
|---------------------|--|--------------|------------|------------|
| 105                 | Hooks Lane/Fraser Road MUGA to Car Parking                           | APP/12/00205 | £23,616.27 | 31/03/2023 |
| 174                 | Refurbishment Emsworth Recreation Ground Pavilion                    | 07/68557/006 | £3,770.00  | 31/03/2023 |
| 184                 | New Concrete Skate Provision on Hayling Island                       | APP/12/00966 | £72,922.50 | 31/03/2023 |
| 219                 | Havant Park Pathway Improvements                                     | 04/59412/002 | £15,411.79 | 31/03/2023 |
| 224                 | SINC Contribution in association with Mitigation Land - APP/19/00768 | APP/19/00768 | £2,445.71  | 31/03/2023 |
| 229                 | Community Worker Funds - Forty Acres                                 | APP/18/00450 | £43,775.96 | 28/02/2023 |
| 230                 | Community Worker Payment Land at Lower Road                          | APP/19/00427 | £6,000.00  | 28/02/2023 |
| 231                 | Community Worker Payment Land at Sinah Lane                          | APP/20/01093 | £12,198.73 | 28/02/2023 |
| 250                 | Community Worker Funds - Castle Ave                                  | APP/18/01033 | £18,270.75 | 28/02/2023 |

## New Neighbourhood CIL Allocations

We are pleased to report on the following new Neighbourhood CIL Spending Allocations:

| Exacom Project Ref. | Name and Description  | Date Funding Approved | Amount   |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------|----------|
| 263                 | <p><b>Eastoke Corner Footpath Improvements (additional funding)</b></p> <p>To improve the footpath on the Eastoke Plaza on Hayling island by laying a permeable resin bound stone on the existing structure, which will improve the slip resistance, lower future maintenance costs, stop the footpath from being barriered off when unsafe and improve the visual aesthetics</p> | 04/05/2023            | £10,000  |
| 272                 | <p><b>Grow it Cook it Eat it</b></p> <p>Use of a Council allotment to encourage residents in area that requires a lot of support from the food bank and pantry to become more food independent, by teaching them to grow food and then to learn to cook it and share it at community suppers. Surplus will be used to support the food banks and pantries within the Borough</p>  | 04/05/2023            | £3,000   |
| 276                 | <p><b>Eastoke Corner Play Park Refurbishment</b></p> <p>At Eastoke Corner, removal of existing playpark, MUGA and outdoor gym equipment and their reinstatement with new improved facilities</p>  | 31/05/2023            | £200,000 |

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