

Cabinet Lead for Coastal –

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1. Coastal Management

1.1 Hayling Island Coastal Management Strategy

The project team are in the process of updating the Strategic Environment Assessment, Habitats Regulations Assessment and Water Framework Directive assessment following comments from Natural England, Historic England, and the Environment Agency. We are continuing to work with regulators with the intention that they will be able to provide an 'in principle' acceptance of the Strategy in the new year prior to going for approval.

Alongside this, updates to the Strategy summary document and Action and Implementation Plan are being conducted to make the intent for each Option Development Unity frontage clearer. New adaptation pathways are being developed to show the leading options, decision making points and triggers which will help the plan be flexible to changing risks or opportunities.

In the new year, the economics will be revisited to ensure the Strategy captures the latest cost and benefits information.

The updates to the Strategy documents have been detailed to ensure we capture regulators and the public's comments and make it easy to understand. Therefore, the Strategy programme may shift so that HBC approvals are sought in June or July rather than the current programme of March. Further programme discussions are being held to understand this better and will be updated in the forward plan once known.

1.2 South Hayling Beach Management Activities (BMA) (2017-2024)

We have entered the final year of the current Beach Management Plan (BMP). A business case will be submitted by the end of December to the Environment Agency to secure funding for the next 5 years of beach management.

A small-scale additional beach management campaign was undertaken in November 2023 to re-profile sections of the beach following several storm events on Hayling Island. Five days of works were conducted, recycling beach material from the Coastguard Revetment back to bays at Eastoke Corner and Creek Road to reinstate a wider beach crest.

We will continue to monitor the beach condition over the winter period, which will determine when future works are planned and implemented.

1.3 West Beach – Monitoring and Regeneration

The erosion into the 'rebound zone' continues to be monitored for health and safety purposes and debris on the beach is removed by Norse. The future management of the car park is being reviewed by the relevant teams. The Coastal and Regeneration teams are revisiting the HBC Seafront Ambition to understand next steps and opportunities.

1.4 Langstone Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Scheme – Detailed Design

The project team continue to work collaboratively with AECOM to progress towards the 100% design acceptable milestone. Our appointed independent Cost Consultant are currently reviewing the 100% design and will produce a final cost estimate for construction, providing us with further cost certainty for the project.

The project team continue to seek additional funding sources for the scheme. The inflation uplift claim submitted to the EA for £818,000 has been successful pending official approval letter. The additional Other Government Department funding of £1,900,000 which has been allocated to the scheme requires approval of the Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. A capital bid made to HBC to the value of £5,270,463 is awaiting a decision.

All six public engagement sessions offering the opportunity for residents to drop-in and ask question about the scheme have now been completed. Further 1-2-1 meetings with residents and stakeholders have been ongoing.

The 100% design public exhibition has been booked for 11th January 2024, leading to a Cabinet Decision to proceed to next stage of the scheme.

1.5 Broadmarsh Coastal Defence Scheme – Detailed Design

Broadmarsh Coastal Defence Scheme was submitted to the HBC Capital Programme in September, with a bid for £1,258m to fund Stage 2: Detailed Design, Licensing, and Consents. Approval was gained from the Executive Leadership Team to bid for this funding, and the project was recognised as one of the Council's corporate Priority Projects.

Essential asset maintenance to the revetment to contain the chalk bund and landfill contents was completed in November. During the work, Storm Ciarán caused further damage to the revetment and additional repairs were completed. Ongoing monitoring of this key sea defence infrastructure will continue over the winter period to check for damage caused by storms.

1.6 **Langstone Sea Wall Old Mill to Wade Lane**

Following the publication of the Independent Assessment Report, Chichester Harbour Conservancy led a public Drop-In Session on the 12 December 2023. The session was well attended and representatives from all the agencies were available to answer people's questions.

The Council has now also issued a position statement publicly in response to the Independent Assessment Report to highlight the concerns that remain for the future of the sea wall. The Council are disappointed with the outcome and recommended approach. This stems from the view that cultural, social, health and well-being values have not been captured in the option assessment for the defences and the Council recommends against letting the defences fail.

Coastal Partners have continued to monitor this section of coastal erosion. The initial response and erosion of the shoreline following the collapse of the wall has slowed, recent site visits indicate that the community activism is still on-going at this location. Further updates are on our webpage:

[Langstone Coastal Path, Mill Pond to Wade Lane, Havant — Coastal Partners](#)

1.7 **Coastal Environmental Initiatives**

The Coastal Environment team are actively working across several initiatives that aim to protect and improve the natural coastal environment within the Havant Borough, such as:

1.8 **Habitat Compensation and Restoration Programme (HCRP)**

The HCRP identifies and delivers habitats to replace those that are being lost due to coastal squeeze. Below is an update on key initiatives linked to this:

- **Solent wide coastal grazing marsh study:** In January, we are aiming to submit a final business case to the Environment

Agency to fund this study. It will identify important terrestrial habitat creation opportunities across the wider Solent that will sustain our internationally important network of environmental sites – and enable future FCERM delivery.

- **Solent Dynamic Coast Project update:** In the past month we have received formal approval of £236k funding from the Environment Agency, providing income to Coastal Partners to undertake this study. The study will help us understand future coastal habitat changes more accurately, so that we can better plan habitat creation opportunities in a changing climate.
- **Monitoring and communication at Southmoor:** We are currently finalising the business case to unlock funding to monitor and communicate the natural coastal defence breach at Southmoor. We are aiming to submit this early in the New Year.
- **Hayling Island Coastal Management Strategy – additional studies:** We have been undertaking further analysis of two potential opportunities for intertidal habitat creation on Hayling Island, currently focussing on the need, location, and cost of any ‘set back’ coastal defences / site landscaping.

1.9 **Langstone FCERM scheme – Saltmarsh Feasibility Study**

We are continuing to investigate opportunities to restore the degraded and poor-quality saltmarsh habitats in the vicinity of Langstone Village and Wade Lane. In the past month, we have jumped on the opportunity to apply for additional funding from Defra’s ‘Climate for Nature’ underspend, as with additional funding, we can start to consider a wider opportunity here, with the potential to restore up to 12ha of saltmarsh on the degraded foreshore at this location.

1.10 **Chichester Harbour Investment and Adaptation Plan (CHIAP)**

CHIAP will help guide the future management of Chichester Harbour’s coastline and waters, addressing people, property, and environmental challenges in one place. Working together with regulators, stakeholders, landowners and the community, this plan will set out adaptation options and pathways for key focus areas

within the Harbour, defined by triggers for action. This will provide a much-needed holistic plan for the harbour.

In the past month we have began communicating CHIAP more widely with partners, including to the CHaPRoN Steering Group. We are currently having focussed meeting with Regulators to refine the objectives and set the scope for the Plan – which will feed into our final project proposal and business case.

2. Delivery of Civil Engineering Services

2.1 Bushy Lease Shared Path HBC CIL

Pre planning comments have been received and we are now in the process of revising the design to accommodate these comments. Full planning application likely to be submitted end of February 2024.

2.2 Rusty Cutter link road Active Travel Improvements HBC CIL

On track to make National Highways Designated Funds bid in spring - preliminary design to continue using CIL, ready for bid - connecting to Forty Acres s.278 works at north end.

2.3 Hobby Close PCC

L&S Waste has been appointed as the contractor, the works on site have been re-arranged to start in spring 2024 for 10 weeks. New planning application to be made due to expiry of former permission.

2.4 Elettra Avenue / Milton Road HBC CIL

Design complete and approved by HCC. However, Elettra Avenue is now on hold until such time S106 funding is available. Milton Road - new footway / cycleway linking Milton Road to Hambledon Road is being included in design.

2.5 Waterlooville To Denmead Active Travel Corridor HBC CIL + HCC

Design will be completed and submitted to HCC for comment in January 2024. Exhibition with the public will likely take place late summer 2024 with a likely start spring 2025.

2.6 MUGA Rugby Club car park HBC CIL

We are seeking funding via CIL for street lighting. If CIL funding is not approved, then we will explore how we can complete the street lighting element during summer 2024.

- 2.7 **Somborne Drive Greywell Drainage HBC S106**
- Design is nearing completion and expected start date early March 2024.
- 2.8 **Future of Billy Trail (feasibility) HBC CIL**
- Feasibility study nearing completion. SSSI link path site clearance started 5/12. Construction works to follow in February 2024.
- 2.9 **Elmleigh Road HCC TCF and HBC CIL**
- All civil works complete and footway, cycle track and now Sparrow crossing open. Landscape works to be undertaken in February 2024.
- 2.10 **TCF Park Road South HCC TCF**
- All works completed.
- 2.11 **Havant Road and Bridge Road Emsworth HCC**
- Design to reshape junction at Bridge Road, Emsworth is under review. Likely start of work on site late summer 2024.
- 2.12 **Victoria Road, Emsworth HCC**
- Design complete, however, still need to undertake approval from third party landowner. Likely start date mid-summer 2024.
- 2.13 **Morelands Phase 3 (Gauntlett Park) HCC HBC CIL**
- Design is complete and is being reviewed by HCC. Additional CIL funding approved for the value of £29,268, covering the cost of the lighting funding shortfall, pre-application complete and formal Planning Application made 04/12/2023.
- 2.14 **ATF4 (north of Hayling Billy) [detailed design] HCC**
- CELT has submitted detailed design and report. Engagement events held 15/11 and 22/11, feedback added to report to HCC. Maintaining website.
- 2.15 **Hayling Billy NCN2 Cycle Route Feasibility HCC**
- Feasibility study nearing completion.
- 2.16 **Emsworth Mill Pond Wall HBC Rev**
- Core samples undertaken and being reviewed. GPR survey completed, currently assessing survey outputs.

2.17 Hayling Island Boardwalk, Chichester Avenue HBC UKSPF

HBC has funding been awarded £90,000 United Kingdom Shared Partnership Fund UKSPF and £30,000 from CIL to replace the existing boardwalk at Chichester Avenue car park, Hayling Island. Design is underway, expected to be on site Spring 2024.

3. Property

- 3.1 New discount retail store 'One Beyond' opened in former Poundstretcher unit in Meridian Centre. Hobby Store 'The Warp' has proven to be a great success and draw to the centre and are looking for additional space.
- 3.2 Exploring options for energy saving improvements to a number of our community assets.
- 3.3 Implementation Programme for the new Property Asset Management System (PAMS) now agreed and establishment of structure and initial asset loading underway.
- 3.4 Working in conjunction with Regeneration / Economy colleagues, have identified space for construction of a new 'Changing Places' toilet within the Meridian Centre in Q1 2024.
- 3.5 Successful recruitment to the establishment post of Estate Manager. New employee due to start on 5th February 2024.
- 3.6 Annual commercial rent roll increase of £192,000 compared to April 23 starting position.
- 3.7 Level of rent collection remains high at 95.7% this quarter. Decrease in total debt to £80,039.

4. Customer Services and Revenues and Benefits

4.1 Household Support Fund

The client team have been working really hard on processing the Household Support Fund Discretionary applications and have dealt with over 200 to date. Not all have met the criteria but of those that have we have paid out 52 payments to our residents to support them staying in their rented properties or to enable them to clear an arrears to help them move to a more sustainable property for them.

Total Payments made	£101,603.19

Starting grant allocation	£140,000.00
Balance remaining	£38,396.81

The grant runs until March 2024 but we suspect we will use the allocation before then.

4.2 **Mobility Credits**

The team have been working with Solent Transport to help administer and support a new and innovative a project called Mobility Credits. It has been more successful than first thought with 99 of our residents joining the scheme and utilising the travel credits. We are leading the way with this and are the first Council to take part in this new initiative. See below for details of the scheme and Solent Transport

Introduction

Solent Transport – a partnership of Hampshire County, Southampton City, Portsmouth City and the Isle of Wight Councils – has secured £29m funding from the Department for Transport to deliver a Future Transport Zone in the Solent region. As one of four Future Transport Zones in England, Solent Transport is delivering a range of innovative transport pilot projects involving people and goods. The flagship Future Transport Zone project is the Breeze Mobility as a Service app, which allow consumers to plan, book and pay for a range of transport services on a single platform.

For more details of the Solent Future Transport Zone please see this link www.solent-transport.com/solent-future-transport-zone/

Mobility Credits

Mobility Credits is one of the core projects within the Future Transport Zone and will provide participants with £50 of travel credits each month for 12 months which can be used to purchase transport services in the Breeze app, including bus, rail, e-scooters and bike share.

Mobility Credits scheme is available to a closed audience of residents aged under 30 and in receipt of Council Tax Support and will initially launch in Havant. Eligible residents will sent an

introductory letter by Havant Borough Council setting out the key project headlines and directing them to an online application form. Applicants which are approved to participate will be required to register an account on the Breeze app before starting to receive their Mobility Credits. A possible timeline for the initial launch in Havant is as follows:

26 October: Havant Borough Council send letters to eligible residents, introducing the project and directing applicants to the project webpage and online application form.

10 November: Deadline for Havant eligible residents to complete online application form and agreed to project terms and conditions.

17 November: Deadline for Havant Borough Council to cross reference applicant names with list of eligible residents which were sent the introductory letter (to minimise fraud).

30 November: Deadline for verified applicants to register a Breeze account.

1 December: Mobility Credits voucher codes emailed to participants which have registered a Breeze account.

Future Transport Zones are required to undertake robust monitoring and evaluation of projects in order to understand their impact. Mobility Credits participants will be required to complete a series of four online feedback surveys during participation. These are an initial baseline survey at the point of sign up, follow up surveys after six and 12 months of participation, and a final post intervention survey two months after participation has ended. Feedback from participants and through Breeze will:

Provide a technical demonstrator showing how Mobility Credits might be delivered using a MaaS app

Understand what impacts Mobility Credits have on recipients

Use this Future Transport Zone trial to understand what the barriers and issues are to delivering a wider scale trial

Collect insight to inform future tax, welfare and benefit policies

5. Cabinet lead for Digital (Capita Contract)

- 5.1. The service's exit work for the 5C Partnership contract for ICT in 2025 continues under the established three major project areas:

5.1.1. **Developing and procuring a new ICT Infrastructure and Security (ICT I&S 2025) provision.** The service took an update of this project to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 21st November as requested. The update was well received and the full tender documentation went live on 15th December, and will run until 19th February 2024. Authority to commence procurement had been approved as delegated to Exec Head of Commercial, Cabinet Lead, S151 and Monitoring Officer.

5.1.2. **Moving legacy applications to Software as a Service (SaaS) cloud provision in preparation of a new ICT provider** – all are dependents of the ICT I&S 2025 project:

- **Planning Case Management.** This project has now selected a supplier and kick-off meeting is occurring in the first week of January. Interviews for a Project Management resource for this project
- **Other regulatory case management (env. Health, licensing etc).** This project has selected the same supplier as the Planning Case Management Project and a kick-off meeting for both is occurring in the first week of January.
- **Finance system replacement.** The project is seeking to award via a G-Cloud contract procurement and its business case is currently progressing through cabinet.

5.2. **BAU work continues to support key council teams** including the installation of a dedicated secure broadband provision for the Elections team and council staff at the Horizon Leisure Centre, as well as scoping future infrastructure works with Capita as part of the 5Council's contract for renaming of our O365 Microsoft tenancy to better reflect the Havant identity.

6. Procurement

The existing arrangements continue to work well, and the Capita contract has been extended until 31st March 2024 pending further review of our ongoing requirements.