

Tony Briggs, Leader Report
Significant Meetings Attended and Focus of work since Last Full Council

17 October 2013	Transport for South Hampshire and IoW and Solent Local Transport Board
28 October 2013	Presenting Staff Awards
31 October 2013	IT Partnership Board
22 November 2013	Shadow Peer Review in preparation for January 2014
26 November 2013	HBC Councillor Leadership Conference – Sumo Guy
27 November 2013	Cabinet
28 November 2013	HBC Developers' Breakfast Briefing Solent Growth Summit
29 November 2013	Havant Skills and Employability Conference
2 December 2013	Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting
3 December 2013	Partnership for Urban South Hampshire Leader meeting on the Strategic Housing Market Assessment
11 December 2013	Hampshire Partnership (previously The Senate) – meeting of Leaders and CEOs

Partnerships

I have had a number of opportunities to pursue our priority of exploring partnership work in order to ensure we deliver the best services to our public and our customers. In particular my time has been focussed upon ways in which we can continue to reduce our cost base and at the same time grow our economy.

Economic Growth

The Government has published guidance on the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) for Growth Deals. The Local Growth Fund is just one of the investment options available to Solent LEP and the partnership will need to draw on a range of resources to fund the priorities identified in the Growth Strategy published in December 2012 http://solentlep.org.uk/uploads/documents/A_Strategy_for_Growth.pdf. The funding available will be used to deliver the Strategic Economic Plan for the area which is currently under development. The Marchmont Observatory at the University of Exeter has been commissioned to support the development of the Strategic Economic Plan for the Solent LEP. In addition to engaging in this work through my Chairmanship of the PUSH Economic Development Panel I have continued to focus upon the opportunities available through our partnerships to promote our own area as a vibrant and successful location for business.

Developing our Organisation

Many colleague Councillors joined me for a very interesting and useful session on 26th November with an international speaker, 'Sumo Guy', Paul McGee. I am very keen that we continue to develop and learn as an organisation and to that end we are also busy preparing for our Peer Review in January. I hope this process will provide us with some further pointers for improvement in the future and assist us with our work on the Vision for 2020.

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