

Leaders Cabinet Report – Council 15 October 2014

Councillor Cheshire – Council Leader

Corporate Strategy

Since becoming Leader of HBC I have been introducing myself to all of the Leaders of both District and Unitary Councils (with the exception of Hampshire County Council) in and around both Hampshire and West Sussex. I have found these Leaders receptive to continuing to explore ways where HBC and they could enhance Partnering arrangements. I have asked our Officers to follow up on these initial contacts in our efforts to provide our residents the quality of service they should expect with the resources we have at our disposal.

I have also had the opportunity to talk the majority of our staff to introduce myself and to explain our overall Corporate Strategy for 2012 to 2017 which provides the three priority themes of Financial Sustainability, Economic Growth and Public Service Excellent.

Finance

Our external auditors presented their report on the 2013/14 statement of accounts to the Governance & Audit Committee on 16 September. The accounts were signed off by the Chairman and the section 151 officer.

The budget setting process for 2015/16 has now begun and will continue throughout the autumn and winter until we approve the budget in February. The Cabinet will be running a series of meetings with the management team in order to go through the vision, plans and proposals for each of our service areas.

Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)

The meetings with the PCC have been of a routine nature