

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	EXECUTIVE BUSINESS		
DATE OF DECISION:	20 MAY 2015		
REPORT OF:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			

BRIEF SUMMARY

This report outlines Executive Business conducted since the last report to Council on 18th March 2015.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the report be noted.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. This report is presented in accordance with Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Not applicable.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

INTRODUCTION

2. This report highlights the contribution of different portfolios towards the Council's priorities since the last Council meeting on 18th March 2015.
3. We continue to be recognised for the excellent work we do and since the last report I am delighted that we have been recognised for the following:
 - In April 2015, the Council, in partnership with Sky and British Cycling, won the Chartered Institute for Marketing 'Marketing Excellence Award' in the Best Partner Marketing Category for last year's 'Let's Ride' campaign promoting the Sky Ride Event.
 - The My Journey initiative has recently been shortlisted in the Best Social Marketing Campaign category at UK Public Sector Communications Awards for its last year's 'Love Handles' campaign. In partnership with Hampshire County Council, the Council has been shortlisted for three other campaigns that took place in South Hampshire.
 - In March 2015, Beechwood Junior School reached the finals of the National Pupil Premium awards and received the runner up prize of £5,000. The school was one of the top three schools in the South East region to be recognised in the country for the attainment and progress

of children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

- The ABP Southampton Half Marathon and 10k race saw almost 6,000 runners take to the streets of Southampton, encouraged and supported by around 25,000 spectators. It was a popular event, and 250 people had signed up for the 2016 race within 24 hours of crossing the finish line!
- In April 2015, Oakwood Primary School was the first to win the 'Bin it to win it' scheme for schools. The school received a reward of a £300 IKEA gift card and as a one-off launch prize, a 'Recycle for Southampton' t-shirt signed by players from Southampton Football Club.
- The vision for Southampton's new arts complex is now secure with the announcement that the award-winning Nuffield will be the venue's final arts occupier when it opens in 2016.

JOBS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

4. The Council has ambitious plans for developments focused on the Very Important Projects (VIP) and new pipeline of projects designed to deliver the aims and objectives of the City Centre Masterplan. The creation of a DevCo (referred to later in the report) will contribute to this priority.
5. In March 2015 Cabinet and Council approved the adoption of the Core Strategy Partial Review. The Core Strategy was adopted in 2010 and sets out the strategic policies and development targets for the city. The Partial Review forms part of the development plan against which planning applications are judged and has been through a public examination.
6. The Core Strategy Partial Review adds the national 'presumption in favour of sustainable development'; reduces the office and retail targets in light of economic circumstances, whilst still aiming for major growth; and makes detailed amendments to the biodiversity policy.
7. The adoption of the City Centre Action Plan was also approved by Cabinet and Council in March 2015. The Plan sets out a strategy for how the city centre will evolve as a place to 2026 and beyond. It allocates development sites and promotes economic growth whilst protecting the quality of the environment. It is supported by the City Centre Master Plan and is consistent with the Council's Strategic Core Strategy (as amended by the Partial Review).

PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION

8. The Director of Public Health has a duty under the NHS Act 2006 to write an annual report on the health of the local population. The 2014 Public Health Annual Report was published in March 2015, and presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 25 March 2015. Topics covered include fitness and

mental resilience in young people, accident prevention, air quality, dementia and long term conditions, high blood pressure and health inequalities. Responses to the recommendations will be discussed and agreed at the Health Wellbeing Board meeting in July 2015.

9. Integrated Working- Over the last 12 months extensive work has been undertaken by the City Council working in partnership with Southampton City CCG and other stakeholders to develop Southampton's Better Care Plan. The Council previously approved the plan which included establishing a Pooled Fund under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006. Established on the 1 April 2015, this fund brings together £61M of CCG and City Council funding (91% CCG and 9% City Council). Southampton is one of ten authorities nationally with the ambition to integrate and pool resources at scale to significantly transform the city's health and care services.
10. Southampton's plan has ambition to encompass all services that fit within the scope of the Better Care model, ultimately bringing together around £132M. The Better Care Fund seeks to make significant improvements across the health and social care system through integrated commissioning of health and social care and a stronger focus on prevention and early intervention and on empowering people and their communities to find their own solutions. Specific targets have been set to reduce unplanned hospital admissions, permanent admissions to residential and nursing homes, hospital readmissions post discharge into reablement services, hospital delayed transfers of care and injuries due to falls. Quarterly monitoring returns will be required by the Department of Health, the first of which for 2015/16 is due in August 2015. These will be signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

11. The Council has adopted the proposed constitution of the Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) at its meeting in March, this is in accordance with the requirements of the Care Act 2014. The Multi-Agency Board will be independently chaired and will continue to coordinate the strategic development of adult safeguarding across Southampton and ensure the effectiveness of the work undertaken by partner agencies in the area – a stride towards one of our key priorities - protecting vulnerable people.

GOOD QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

12. Following Cabinet approval on 21st April 2015, the Council will be progressing with work towards setting up a wholly owned Development Company (DevCo) which will enable the Council to make maximise the use of its assets. The creation of a DevCo will afford the Council new opportunities such as enabling the delivery of more homes of all tenure for the city.
13. In March 2015, the Planning Committee approved the £50M scheme to transform part of the former Fruit and Vegetable Market site in the centre of the city. The phased regeneration will see 279 homes – a mix of affordable and private apartments – built over the next three years with the first phase

of construction starting in the summer. The development was devised by Fareham based Hampshire and Regional Property Group and will also provide parking and shops on the ground floor. This development will bring much-needed housing and jobs to the city, further meeting the ambitions of the Council's City Centre Master Plan on this VIP site.

14. On 21st April 2015, Cabinet agreed to proceed with the phased expenditure of £4,751,000 (£1,548,000 2015/16 and £3,203,000 2016/17) for the development, procurement and implementation of the capital projects which form part of the 5 year HRA Capital Programme. The works agreed will cover elements under the headings of:
 - Safe, Wind and Weather Tight
 - Modern Facilities
 - Well Maintained Communal Facilities
 - Warm and Energy Efficient
15. These projects will contribute to the Council's strategic housing objectives through improving facilities on our estates the well-being and the satisfaction of our residents with the areas where they live.

SERVICES FOR ALL

16. In March 2015, Cabinet approved the Environment and Transport Capital Programme for 2015/16, totaling £16,074,000. Subject to Council recommendations in future years, it is our intention to confirm our commitment about resurfacing of residential roads for a period of three years. This will enable residents to have confidence that their roads have been identified and are in the indicative forward works programme.
17. On 21st April 2015, Cabinet agreed that from 1 April 2016, the operation of the Council's City Depot Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HWRC) should form part of a joint operating contract let by Hampshire County Council for all 26 HWRC sites in Hampshire. The Council will benefit from economy of scale savings with the City Depot HWRC site being part of a joint contract and will retain the flexibility to have its site operated as it prefers.
18. Northam Bridge fully reopened on 16 April 2015, with the works being completed in 15 weeks, 5 weeks ahead of schedule. This project, which came in under budget, marked the end of the current programme of major bridge repairs in Southampton. The project involved extensive work to repair and maintain this vital structure and is the fifth bridge in the city to have been improved through Southampton City Council's 'Bridges to Prosperity' project which has been largely funded by the government. The council successfully bid for Department for Transport (DfT) 'Pinch Point' funding in 2013, as part of a £4.5m package to carry out essential repairs on vital routes into and out of the city. Central to these schemes is the need to maintain and improve transport links into and around Southampton, which will support the future economic growth of the city.

CITY PRIDE

19. The Council has been successful in receiving £264,190 from the Department for Communities and Local Government which will enable us to continue to recognise our residents for recycling correctly in the 'Bin it to win it' scheme. So far we have been able to reward over 400 residents just for recycling the correct items with many residents taking up the offer to have tea with the Mayor.
20. The Council has partnered with IKEA and the Saints Foundation allowing the 'Bin it to win it' scheme to be extended to schools across the city enabling children in our city to increase their understanding on recycling. As mentioned earlier, Oakwood Primary School were the first school to be recognised under the new prize category.
21. Lordshill Community Centre moved to its new site next to Oaklands Pool on 9 May 2015. In a joint project with the council, the former nursery building has been refurbished so it is more suitable for wider community use. The Community Association and Oaklands Community Pool Group have been working together up to the move and this working relationship will continue. Lordshill Community Centre are hosting an open day on 23 May 2015.
22. On 21 April 2015, Cabinet considered a report on the Council's Community Asset Transfer (CAT) strategy which provides a framework for the Council to consider transferring Council assets (buildings and/or land) to community, voluntary or faith organisations. Cabinet approved recommendations to streamline the process and give sitting tenants first refusal on CAT. The report also gave an update on progress and to date, 40% of the 18 community assets have reached the stage at which we can recommend disposal.
23. Cabinet approved the transfer of Townhill Park Community Centre to City Life Church as part of the implementation of the CAT Strategy at its meeting in April 2015. The Church is working in partnership with Townhill Park Community Association to not only maintain existing community provision but develop it. The process of negotiating the lease with the Church has begun. The Council is also negotiating a longer lease with Bitterne Manor Community Association.

A SUSTAINABLE COUNCIL

24. The Council has once again signed up to the My Journey Commuter Challenge. This month long initiative is open to everyone who works in Hampshire and encourages people to switch their regular driving commute to walking, cycling, car-sharing, or using public transport to help them save time, money and get fitter. I want to encourage all elected members and staff to join this challenge and for us as a city to be the best in the region.
25. Last year the My Journey Commuter Challenge saw over 1,650 employees from more than 140 businesses across Hampshire take part in the Challenge. Collectively these people covered 313,373 miles, saving £45,870 on regular commutes and business journeys and burnt 5,333,760 calories. Staff are being encouraged to take part this May and hopefully we can top the My Journey Commuter Challenge leader board for 2015.
26. On 21st April 2015 Cabinet agreed to enter into a rolling 2 year bi-lateral

energy purchase only contract with LASER to cover the Council's electricity and gas supplies. The Council procures in excess of £10.5M of electricity and gas per annum covering all commercial and housing operations. The LASER contract provides flexible procurement which means rather than be tied to the cost of energy at the time of the tender return, LASER buy clips of energy at the most economical time during the rise and fall in the market. This approach is proven to take advantage of market variation in order to procure at the best price.

27. Finally, we are pleased to welcome Dr Stephen Giacchino, who has been appointed to the role of the Transformation Implementation Director. Stephen brings a wealth of experience in transformation, change management and programme management implantation and commercial management in both public and private sector settings and is a welcomed addition to the Council's Management Team. One of his first tasks is to lead on our Strategic Transformation Partner and I will provide a verbal update at the council meeting.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

N/A

Property/Other

N/A

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

As defined in the report appropriate to each decision.

Other Legal Implications:

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

Council Plan 2014-17

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

	None
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Documents In Members' Rooms

	None
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	No
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Other Background Documents

Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule

12A allowing document to be
Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

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