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| DECISION-MAKER: | COUNCIL | | |
| SUBJECT: | EXECUTIVE BUSINESS | | |
| DATE OF DECISION: | 15 th JULY 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 20th May 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

- 2. Not applicable.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

INTRODUCTION

- 3. This report highlights the contribution of different Portfolios towards the Council's priorities since the last Full Council meeting on 20th May 2015.
- 4. Further to a number of discussions at a political leadership level, Southampton City Council, alongside Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council, IOW Council and the districts within the Hampshire boundary have written to Rt Hon Greg Clarke MP, Minister for Communities and Local Government, to commit to developing collaborative local governance to facilitate devolved powers and funds from central government. The aim is to improve outcomes for our residents and give the local area greater control over resources and decisions affecting our communities. Approval to develop models will be sought from Cabinet and Council over the summer.

JOBS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

- 5. Southampton's adult learners were recognised for their outstanding achievements in skills and community learning at an awards ceremony held at the Art Gallery on Thursday 18th June 2015. At this event, over 50 adult learners received awards across 11 categories, including Outstanding

Learner, Outstanding Volunteer, Outstanding Tutor, Learning for Work and Learning in Functional Skills. The celebration was held as part of Southampton City Council's Skills and Community Learning programme, which supports a range of activities across the city to ensure that local people can gain skills and qualifications, take up new interests, improve their health and engage with their communities. The awards were organised jointly by the Council and the Workers Education Association (WEA), the UK's largest voluntary sector provider of adult education.

6. The latest Southampton Inward Investment magazine was published in June 2015 and showcases the vision for the city centre as it continues to undergo significant and ambitious transformation. The City Centre Master Plan was launched in 2012, and has given businesses and investors confidence that Southampton's ambition is matched by a clear vision and ability to deliver. With more than £1.6 billion committed investment in the city since its inception, we are on target to achieve the £3 billion investment we are seeking.
7. The latest magazine highlights progress on the 'Very Important Projects' (VIP) identified in the City Centre Master Plan which are improving the city for residents, businesses and visitors by creating a vibrant and energetic city centre.
8. The Council has partnered with Southampton City College and the Prince's Trust to deliver a construction based pre-employment training opportunity in the city, with the first event taking place on 6th July 2015. The programme provides construction health and safety, skills and employability training for 18-25 year olds from disadvantaged backgrounds who are seeking a career in construction.
9. The construction based pre-employment training will work closely with developers on the VIP (Very Important Projects) sites across the city, with those developers providing work placements for young people. This will enable them to gain practical 'on the job' skills and the opportunity to engage with prospective employers.
10. The steel structure for the Acorn Centre, Empress Road, was erected in June 2015 and the construction phase is on target for completion in October 2015. This project will deliver a new business start-up centre offering 29 light industrial units and was part funded (as approved at Cabinet on 16th July 2013) with £386,000 of Council grant assembled from the legacy of the SRB2 regeneration programme.

PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION

11. The Government has announced additional funding totalling £5M over 5 years to continue the successful, multi-agency Families Matter programme in Southampton. This second phase will be a five-year programme (April 2015/16 being year one), funded through a mix of up-front funding and 'payment by results'. The focus will be on teams pulling together to continue to deliver a successful programme, focusing on key outcomes for families, including working with the City Deal programme to help get people into work and training.
12. We have worked with the Southern Policy Centre to pilot a new approach in community engagement through a session held on 4th July 2015. The "deliberative consultation" session was attended by participants recruited through our newly established People's Panel. Their discussion was supported by a Panel of experts and participants considered questions relating to early intervention and prevention and how funding could be reshaped to invest more in this area.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

13. The Care Act 2014 modernises and consolidates the law on adult care across England. Key changes include the introduction of national eligibility criteria, increase rights for carers, a right to independent advocacy and, from 2016, a cap on care costs faced by self-funders. We are continuing to work extensively across the Council to ensure compliance is achieved. On-going work will be carried out over coming months to make certain that the changes introduced are effectively embedded. We are achieving this through the review and updating of systems, policies and procedures, development of Southampton Information Directory (SID) and online Assessment and Eligibility checker, delegation of carers' support and assessment services to carers in Southampton, as well as staff training and development. In addition, as part of the work to implement the Care Act we will be reviewing charges for some adult social care services. We are finalising our plans around this and where appropriate, we will undertake public consultation.
14. The Government has proposed a reduction in Public Health budgets by £200M this year and we understand the local impact on our Public Health budget could be just over £1M. We are waiting for details to assess the impact locally.
15. The development of Integrated Crisis Response, Reablement, Rehabilitation and Hospital Discharge provision is a key element of the Southampton Better Care plan. The proposed model will bring together council and health services into a single integrated process that will work with people living in the community or who are ready for discharge from hospital, to stabilise them, promote recovery and maximise longer term independence. More detailed proposals will be coming to Cabinet in August; implementation would likely be phased and commence later in the year, dependent on the outcome of consultation.
16. During Child Safety Week (1st – 7th June 2015), the council joined up with the Local Children's Safeguarding Board, Hampshire Constabulary and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service to host a series of roadshows aimed at

improving child safety in the city. These roadshows provided the Council and other agencies with the opportunity to talk to parents and carers about the simple measures that they could introduce to help reduce the likelihood of accident or injury to their children.

17. As part of the Council's ongoing drive to encourage more people to consider becoming foster carers, the fostering team hosted a series of events and information sessions during Fostering Fortnight (1st-14th June 2015). The sessions enabled prospective foster carers to speak to staff about what it takes to provide a foster home as well as talk to current carers about their experiences.

GOOD QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

18. On 16th June 2015 Cabinet approved the sale of the Council's land at the Fruit and Vegetable Market site, off Bernard Street and Queensway, to enable the redevelopment of the site for new homes and business premises. This site is one of the Council's 7 VIP projects (referred to earlier in the report) and is part of a £50M regeneration which will see 297 homes, a mix of affordable and private apartments, built over the next three years. The first phase of construction will commence Autumn 2015.

SERVICES FOR ALL

19. The Employment, Skills and Learning Partnership, Southampton Education Forum and Red Funnel, supported by the City Council's Strategy Unit, held an exciting event 'Imagine the Future' to engage young people about the future of the City. The event was held on the 30th June 2015 and saw over 200 children and teachers from a wide range of our city's schools and colleges participate in a series of workshops developed and designed by students. In addition, the children saw plans for Southampton's city-wide investment.
20. The outcomes from the workshops on Health and Wellbeing, City Pride, and Leadership will inform future Council and City strategies and plans. The children also gave their ideas for spending on improvement projects across the city and were awarded prizes for the best contributions.
21. The Council hosted an Upcycled Fashion Show as part of this year's national Recycling Week (22nd-28th June 2015). The show included garments that had been revamped or created from recycled fabric, to create new and unique outfits. The outfits were designed and created during a series of community sewing workshops during May, hosted by Transition Southampton.

CITY PRIDE

22. The Council's Events Team worked closely with the organisers to deliver the first successful Common People festival in the city. The two day music event was a huge success and attracted more than 35,000 people to the city, receiving positive reviews. I am delighted that the organisers have confirmed that they would like to return to Southampton next year.
23. It has continued to be a successful summer of events, attracting many residents and visitors to the city. The Events Team have worked with Hijack Cinema to facilitate a series of outdoor cinema events in Hoglands Park with the first event held on 19th June 2015. It was a popular event with all tickets sold out. This was followed by the hugely popular Thai Festival on 4th and 5th July 2015, featuring the very best of Thai food, culture, crafts and music. The Mela festival returned to Hoglands Park on 11th July bringing family fun for everyone with an assortment of musical styles from South Asia and around the world and exciting dance acts and family activities celebrating South Asian and world.

A SUSTAINABLE COUNCIL

24. PwC, our Strategic Transformation Partner are working with us to implement our New Operating Model by 2017. We will jointly explore and implement various change initiatives to address our financial situation and prepare us for the changing needs and expectations of our residents, customers, clients and communities.
25. Working together with PwC we will:
 - Prioritise our outcomes and align these to clear performance indicators
 - Clearly define how we manage demand across all our services, addressing current areas of overspend
 - Review all existing major contracts and commercial partnerships to assess our longer term needs
 - Reprioritise our resources to deliver projects that provide a clear return on investment and enable delivery of our outcomes.
26. CRUMBS (Co-ordinated Re-Use Makes Business Sense) brought together its business partners and volunteers to celebrate the success of this innovative project. It is funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) is contributing to the development of a more competitive and sustainable low-carbon economy in Southampton by offering supermarkets and businesses a sustainable and cost-effective alternative to landfill waste disposal. Staff and volunteers came together on 19 June 2015 to give the contributors the chance to look back over the successes of the project which seeks to reduce food wastage and food poverty. They also took this opportunity to introduce new businesses who wish to benefit from the redistribution of their quality foodstuff.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

27. N/A

Property/Other

28. N/A

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

29. As defined in the report appropriate to each decision.

Other Legal Implications:

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

30. City Council Strategy 2014 -17.

KEY DECISION? No

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| WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED: | All |
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

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Documents In Members' Rooms

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Equality Impact Assessment

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| 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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| None | |