

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT		
DATE OF DECISION:	19 September 2018		
REPORT OF:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
This report outlines the executive business conducted since the last Executive Business Report to Full Council on 18 th July 2018			
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)			
3.	None		
STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH			
4.	<p>I was pleased to see the launch of Southampton City Council's vision for the future of transport in the city in July 2018. 'Connected Southampton 2040', the name for a new draft Local Transport Plan, sets out a long term vision for managing and improving how people travel around the city over the next twenty years. The proposals set out in the Plan include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a Mass Transit System for Southampton and the wider area • Creating a Liveable City Centre where people want to live, work and spend time, by developing spaces and routes that are easy for people to travel around • Rolling out a network of Active Travel Zones, which encourage people to adopt new ways of getting around for local journeys • Establishing a network of Park & Ride sites that serve the places where people go for work, leisure or retail including the city centre. • Completing a comprehensive cycle network that enables people to cycle safely 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the growth and smooth operation of the main employment areas in Southampton • Working towards being a zero emission city.
5.	I am pleased to announce that Concept Services Ltd. have been appointed by Southampton City Council as the fit-out contractors for Network, the innovative new co-working space located on the second floor of the Marlands Shopping Centre. The fit-out will cost over £1M and is due for completion by the end of the year. Network will help unlock the entrepreneurial talent of residents by providing a cutting edge environment for graduates, start-up businesses and existing organisations that are looking to scale up.
6.	It is great to hear that the £7.5M renovation of Southampton's Mayflower Theatre is progressing well. The refurbishment will ensure that the theatre continues to draw in hundreds of thousands of people to the city. The theatre is set to re-open on 28 th September 2018.
7.	It is fantastic to hear that a new vehicle terminal is to be built at the Port of Southampton. The new £15M multi-storey facility will be built in the Eastern Dock and will provide storage for a further 3,000 vehicles. This investment will continue to strengthen the port's position as a global hub for automotive imports and exports and is expected to be completed in 2019.
8.	I am delighted that Southampton City Council has secured £250,000 of funding from VisitEngland as part of the Discover England campaign to increase the global competitiveness of Southampton as a cruise port, maximising the economic impact of over 2 million international cruise passengers. The funding will create a new suite of bookable, commissionable leisure excursions to make the port more attractive to cruise operators and passengers, and encourage them to explore the cities and surrounding counties.
9.	I was excited to see the plans launched for the redevelopment of Nelson Gate in the heart of the Station Quarter in Southampton. FI Real Estate Management is working in partnership with Southampton City Council to bring forward a mixed-use development that will transform the site and provide thousands of rail travellers with a welcoming view of the city each year. The initial plans include development of a hotel, accommodation, retail units and office space.
10.	I am proud to announce that Southampton City Council has won a 'Small Business Friendly' award at this year's Federation of Small Businesses local authority awards. Small businesses play a crucial part in delivering strong and sustainable economic growth in Southampton, and I am glad we have been recognised for our efforts to support local businesses.
	CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE GET A GOOD START IN LIFE
11.	I was encouraged to hear about the new photographic exhibit celebrating World Breastfeeding Week (1-7 August 2018) at five locations throughout the city and online, that featured breastfeeding Southampton mums and their babies. The pictures by professional photographer Paul Carter show local mothers breastfeeding with their children, partners and friends at iconic locations and shops across Southampton including West Quay South, the Old Walls, cafes in the Cultural Quarter, IKEA and the Common. The exhibit reached thousands of shoppers, diners and parents to-be from these iconic locations.
12.	I was pleased to hear of the success of Southampton pupils in this year's GCSE results. I was particularly pleased to hear that the proportion of students receiving a grade between 9-5 in English and Maths was 3% higher than last year's results, at 37%. The figure rises to 58% for pupils who achieved a grade between 9-4 for English and Maths,

	which is in line with last year's results. I'd like to congratulate pupils, teachers and parents for all of their hard work and support in achieving these set of results.
13.	It was another fantastic year of results for A-Level students in Southampton. As a result of the hard work of students, all Southampton Colleges and Sixth Forms received a pass rate either at or above the national average of 97.6%. This is credit to the dedication and commitment of students, and the support and guidance provided by both teachers and parents.
14.	It was great to see Redbridge Primary School pupils and the Junior Neighbourhood Wardens come together to transform their school entrance with a community garden. The project was supported by the council-run Citizenship Programme that helps children explore what makes them a good citizen with activities such as staying safe online and dementia awareness. Pupils were given the opportunity to suggest and design improvements to their school grounds to encourage an environment of wellbeing.
	PEOPLE IN SOUTHAMPTON LIVE SAFE, HEALTHY, INDEPENDENT LIVES
15.	I was delighted to hear that Holcroft House, an older person's care home managed by Southampton City Council was rated a 'good' provider by the Care Quality Commission in June 2018. The home was found to be rated 'good' in four inspection categories: safe, effective, caring and responsive, and 'outstanding' in the leadership category.
16.	It was great to hear that Southampton City Council signed the Chartered Institute of Housing's 'Make a Stand' pledge upon its launch in June 2018. The pledge gives housing organisations the opportunity to sign up and make four focused but easily deliverable commitments to provide support for people experiencing domestic abuse. The four pledges put in place are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To put in place and embed a policy that support residents who are affected by domestic abuse • Make information about national and local domestic abuse support services available online and in other appropriate places so they are easily accessible for residents and staff • Put in place a HR policy, or amend an existing policy, to support members of staff who may be experiencing domestic abuse • Appoint a champion at a senior level in an organisation to own the activity that is being done to support people experiencing domestic abuse
17.	It is great to hear that our partners Active Nation, who operate our Leisure Venues, are currently delivering year 3 of the ParkLives Project. The project, created by Coca Cola Great Britain, is an exciting programme of daily fun and free activities that encourages people to get outdoors and enjoy the city's parks. Since January 2018, 15,000 people have enjoyed the wide range of activities they provide and for the first time this year a female-only self-defence session was held.
18.	It is great to see the continuing work that our Junior Neighbourhood Wardens do in the city in order to help improve their local area. Junior Neighbourhood Wardens in August 2018 started work on transforming the garden view for residents at Colne Avenue, hugely improving the view for two ground floor disabled residents. It is great to see them working together to help vulnerable residents maintain their green spaces, as well as an example of the important inter-generational work and support they do.
19.	I was pleased to see Public Health England's Change4Life roadshow come to Southampton during 1-2 September 2018. The roadshow was hosted at West Quay Shopping Centre to encourage children and families to take on a range of fun activities designed to help improve their speed, hand and eye coordination, stamina, agility and strength.

20.	I was delighted to see the launch of the 'This Girl Can' campaign to promote and encourage women in Southampton to get active. The event was inspired by Hafsah Sharif, a young member of Southampton's Youth Forum who is passionate about equal opportunities for women to get involved in sport and physical activity. The campaign offers a different free or discounted beginner activity on each day in September that is to encourage women to get involved and get active. The campaign has also been speaking to inspirational women in the city who have fallen in love with a sport that's offered in the local area; from football to swimming to taekwondo, there is an activity to suit all abilities available locally where women are made to feel welcome.
21.	I enjoyed seeing the celebrations in Guildhall Square on 2 September 2018, where NHS staff members took part in 'Hands of Love', an event organised by the radio station Unity 101 to celebrate the contribution of the black, Asian and minority ethnic communities to the NHS. It is great to see Southampton's diverse community coming together to celebrate an institution that we are all proud of.
22.	Following on from this, I enjoyed 'Care in the Square' on 5 September 2018, where Southampton City Council, the University of Southampton and NquiringMinds along with other organisations from across Southampton came together in Guildhall Square to showcase the support, care and information available to adults enabling them to remain independent. The day also included a range of activities, including exercise demonstrations and group session that enabled adults and their carers to stay well and feel good.
SOUTHAMPTON IS AN ATTRACTIVE AND MODERN CITY WHERE PEOPLE ARE PROUD TO LIVE AND WORK	
23.	It was fantastic to see the explosion of colour at this year's Southampton Pride event on 25 August 2018. Over 10,000 people attended the event to celebrate Southampton's diversity and the LGBTQ community. A parade was held that made its way through the streets of the city centre, and there were performances on stage from the likes of the band 'Union J' and the duo 'The Cheeky Girls'. It is brilliant to see that this event is going from strength to strength each year, and is now one of the largest Pride events on the South Coast.
24.	I am pleased to announce that two Southampton parks have been recognised as some of the UK's very best green spaces and received a Green Flag Award. The awards were granted to St James' Park in Shirley and Riverside Park in Bitterne Park and are a sign that these spaces boast the highest possible environmental standards, are beautifully maintained and have excellent visitor facilities. I would like to thank the community 'friends of' groups of volunteers for both parks, as well as our own Parks and Open Spaces team for their ongoing efforts.
25.	I'm pleased to see that the We March On exhibition (29 March to 28 October 2018) at SeaCity Museum has welcomed over 2,300 visitors to date, a 30% increase on last year. To tie in with Summer in the Square led by the Business Improvement District, SeaCity Museum and Southampton Football Club also joined up with Southampton & District Transport Heritage Trust to deliver two heritage bus days to add to the visitor experience.
26.	<p>Southampton has continued to offer a wide range of interesting, family friendly events to both residents and visitors. Many events were led, facilitated or supported by the council's events team and as well as the ones already referred to above, these have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore Outdoors, 23 July 2018 to 20 August 2018: A series of free sessions at Frogs Copse in Townhill Park aimed at introducing children to the living creatures at Frogs Copse, such as insects, birds and plants.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mermaids and Pirates, 10 August to 31 August 2018: Pirates and mermaids took over West Quay this summer, with storytelling, dance workshops to make and take workshops were available for children to take part in. • Derby Road Run, 19 August 2018: Residents of Southampton's Derby Road came together for Derby Run, a community run inviting participants to complete laps of the street's half-mile stretch. This was the first of a planned series of races over the coming year to unite Derby Road's community. • Art exhibition by celebrated artist, Christopher Le Brun, 13 September to 12 January 2019: Southampton City Art Gallery is hosting art works by celebrated local artist and current President of the Royal Academy, Christopher Le Brun. • Beneath the Surface: William Stott of Oldham and British Impressionism exhibition, 14 September to 12 January 2019: This exhibition will show William Stott of Oldham's painting Le Passeur (The Ferryman) which is considered a key moment in the breakthrough of British Art to naturalism.
	A MODERN, SUSTAINABLE COUNCIL
27.	It was great to see more than 100 council staff joined Interim Chief Executive Richard Crouch on a brisk 10-minute walk through our central parks on 18 July, to support a national campaign promoting workplace health and wellbeing. The initiative hopes to get more people involved in walking on their lunch break, which can help boost energy, lift your mood and improve your general wellbeing.
28.	I am pleased to announce that owners of fully electric vehicles can now cross the Itchen Bridge free of charge with a SmartCities card. The electric vehicle concession forms part of Southampton City Council's Air Quality Strategy to reduce air pollution in the city and encourage the update of low emission vehicles.
29.	I was pleased to see that Southampton City Council has been awarded a Silver Award from the Ministry of Defence Employer Recognition Scheme for support offered to staff members who are members of the Armed Forces on 5 September 2018. Southampton has a proud military history and recognising and support members of our Armed Forces, and their families, is essential.
30.	Following visits from Street Scene Enforcement Officers from the council, the Waste and Recycling service has issued its first penalty notices of £60 to three households in the city who have repeatedly failed to properly manage their waste. The Enforcement Officers offered advice and support to people who have struggled to manage their waste properly following the changeover to alternate weekly bin collections last summer, and issued the fines as a last resort when no improvements were made.
31.	It is great to see staff taking part in 'Cycle September', an initiative by My Journey, Southampton City Council's sustainable travel brand, and Love to Ride, a specialist global web and app based platform that gets more people cycling. Running throughout September, the free event for everyone who lives and works in Southampton, whether they are a seasoned cyclist or complete beginner, can track their cycle rides in order to be in with a chance of winning prizes. The Cycle2Work scheme is also now in place and available to staff and a recent roadshow on the 29 th August prompted new riders to purchase through the scheme.
32.	I was delighted to see that thanks to our highways partner, Balfour Beatty Living Places, they have implemented a dedicated 'Find and Fix' team. The team, consisting of two highway operative, has been systematically working across the whole of the Southampton road network with the sole brief to repair carriageway potholes.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	

<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
33.	None
<u>Property/Other</u>	
34.	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
35.	As defined in the report appropriate to each section.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
36.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
37.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
38.	None

KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	None
Documents In Members' Rooms	
1.	None
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.	No
Data Protection Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.	No
Other Background Documents	
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)
None	