

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
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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 19 th September 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.	STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH
4.	It was great to see public and private sector leaders come together on 12 September 2018 at the NST Theatre in Southampton for the Sustainable City Expo to discuss the opportunities for transformation in our towns and cities, as well as the challenges of climate change, waste, sustainable transport and air quality. The agenda included Southampton City Council's future vision for Southampton, as well as local businesses' success stories of how sustainable travel has benefited their workplaces. Key speakers included Steve Quartermain, Chief Planner at The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Mike Harris, Interim Deputy Chief Executive at Southampton City Council, and James Cleeton, England Director South at Sustrans, the charity that makes it easier for people to walk and cycle.
5.	It was a great moment when I heard that Southampton is among one of ten cities that have been shortlisted by the Government to receive a share of the £840m

	<p>transport fund. The announcement came after a successful bid from Southampton City Council, with Hampshire County Council, around developing the city's transformative aspirations for transport. The Southampton bid focuses on three key corridors into the city from the surrounding area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western – A33 Waterside and Totton to Southampton, 58,000 vehicles/day & 12 buses/hour • Northern – A33-A335 Eastleigh to Chandlers Ford to Southampton, 66,000 vehicles/day and 24 buses/hour • Eastern – A334-A3024 Hedge End to Southampton, 33,000 vehicles/day and 25 buses/hour <p>If successful, Southampton City Council will use a share of this funding to help support productivity and growth in the local economy by connecting Southampton with its suburbs and the surrounding towns and villages, reducing congestion and improving air quality.</p>
6.	<p>It is fantastic to see that Southampton City Council is set to lead a Hampshire-wide partnership after securing nearly £2m of funding to deliver a new 'Apprenticeship Hub' in the Solent region. The scheme will raise local employer awareness of the benefits of Apprenticeships in meeting their skills and business needs. The Hub will also support younger people and residents to access Apprenticeships. The scheme will be delivered by the council and its partners (Hampshire Chamber of Commerce, The Association of Learning Providers for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, EBP South, Portsmouth City Council, Hampshire County Council, Solent University and the University of Portsmouth) over the next three years.</p>
7.	<p>It was fantastic to hear that a partnership led by Southampton City Council is one of a number of projects awarded funding of £250,000 from the Government's £40 million Discover England Fund. The partnership includes Associated British Ports, Southampton Cultural Development Trust, Hampshire County Council, Go! Southampton, Destination Southampton and Destination Plymouth. Together, they will work to develop a range of itineraries for visiting cruise liners that will showcase all the cultural historical attractions in and around the cities of Southampton and Plymouth.</p>
8.	<p>I am pleased to announce that Cogeco Peer 1 has been appointed as the IT system provider at Southampton's new Network co-working space, on the second floor of the Marlands shopping centre. We received numerous submissions as part of the tender process to supply the IT system at Network, providing the backbone for the city's new digital and knowledge based co-worker space. Cogeco Peer 1's application stood out due to their reputation for delivering managed innovative IT Services that span cloud, housing, connectivity and security services.</p>
	<p>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE GET A GOOD START IN LIFE</p>
9.	<p>It was fantastic to hear that Southampton Crematorium, which is run by Southampton City Council, has donated £5,000 to Sophie's Appeal. This children's cancer support charity, which operates in the Wessex region, provides cost- and worry-free respite for children and their families suffering from cancer and other life-limiting illnesses. Southampton Crematorium have raised this money from their Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management recycling of metals scheme.</p>
10.	<p>I congratulate the five early years settings who have successfully completed seven Healthy Early Years Awards (HEYA), part of a quality programme delivered by</p>

	<p>Southampton City Council and Solent NHS Trust to help improve health and wellbeing in young children. The five recent winners are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Startpoint Sholing Nursery • Chloe Mckell – Childminder • Toni Southwell - Childminder • Kanes Hill Pre-school • Sticky Fingers Newlands
11.	<p>It was great to see pupils from Bitterne Manor Primary School engaging with Southampton's new Air Quality Exhibit and Get Cycle Savvy Pit Stop on 9 October 2018. The school is the first to experience the new portable Air Quality Exhibit designed to educate children across Southampton and Hampshire about the health impact of air pollution. The installation features a set of lungs which respond when users turn various dials to answer travel related questions. The Get Savvy Pit Stop included a free Bike Doctor service and try-a-bike sessions and information about YoBike, the dockless bike sharing scheme available in Southampton.</p>
12.	<p>It was brilliant to see Southampton pupils getting involved in Walktober. Ten primary schools signed up to the scheme, representing 4,500 pupils. The scheme encourages children to walk to school whatever the weather throughout October. Participating schools are given a range of resources to engage pupils and various prizes are on offer for both schools and families taking part.</p>
13.	<p>I was delighted to see that on 12 October 2018 Southampton City Council received a delegation of Chinese education leaders from the city of Jiaozhou in Shandong Province, China. The delegation was led by Mr. Yin Chenwei, General Director of Jiaozhou Municipal Education and Sports Bureau, and included other senior education professionals and head teachers. The visit to Southampton was coordinated by Derek Wiles, Service Lead: Education in partnership with Itchen College, which maintains strong links with schools in different regions in China. The visit laid the groundwork for a future relationship and a great opportunity for both parties to learn how education is different in both China and the UK.</p>
14.	<p>This year Southampton City Council has taken part in the UK Youth Parliament national consultation with young people (aged 11-18), where over 1.1 million voted nationally to make Ending Knife Crime the issue they care most about. Young people in Southampton contributed 13,511 ballots, which was the 15th highest number of votes from an authority in the UK. This amounted to a 69.85% turnout, placing Southampton sixth in the country for the number of young people who voted, which is fantastic news for our young people as it shows they are sharing their voice nationally and locally. Following this, Southampton's MYP took part in the annual sitting of the UK Youth Parliament at the House of Commons, the first time in many years that Southampton has been represented at this important event.</p>
15.	<p>Congratulations to Southampton Music Hub for taking hundreds of the city's pupils, and six coaches of supporters, from Southampton up to the iconic Royal Albert Hall to take part in this year's Music for Youth Proms. The Music Hub also organised a massed rehearsal for all 600 participants at ABP's Mayflower terminal two days before the final event. The Music for Youth Prom celebrates innovative and creative music-making from some of the most energetic, brilliant young musicians from across the UK, and was a truly inclusive and memorable opportunity for every young person who attended. The massed ensemble of 600 young musicians from Southampton, Isle of Wight, Bournemouth and Poole were supported by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra as together they played Symphony125 which</p>

	was composed specially for this event. Our brilliant performers received a standing ovation – simply outstanding.
	PEOPLE IN SOUTHAMPTON LIVE SAFE, HEALTHY, INDEPENDENT LIVES
16.	I am pleased to announce that the Care Quality Commission (CPC) has confirmed the award of an ‘Outstanding’ rating for the Urgent Response Service, which provides Rehabilitation and Reablement services for adults in Southampton. The Urgent Response team of 120 support over 140 residents of Southampton at any one time on a short term basis to regain new skills as a result of illness, accident or hospital admissions.
17.	I was pleased to see partners from across the city come together to collectively support the ‘Love Don’t Hate’ campaign led by the Third Party Hate Crime Reporting Network and Spectrum Care for Independent Living CIC. The campaign included posters, social media activity, an item on the Radio Solent Breakfast Show and significant Daily Echo coverage throughout the week.
18.	In Southampton, we are committed to improving mental health and reducing suicide through working with local businesses, the community, voluntary and the social enterprise sector. On 10 September 2018, Southampton City Council, community organisations and charities recognised World Suicide Prevention Day with a number of different events. These included the Youth Forum delivering a mental-health themed session to Year 6 students, Southampton Voluntary Services holding themed stalls and Activities at the Central Baptist Church, and Creative Options organised a series of walks to promote wellbeing.
19.	For World Mental Health Day on 10 October, Southampton City Council’s Public Health and Communications teams worked with Human Resources, Public Health and Central Library staff to promote a Wellbeing Day of activities for the public and council staff using our internal and external channels and to local news media. The staff event opening was attended by approximately 25 staff and subsequent workshops in the day drew between smaller groups of people each.
20.	It was good to see Southampton City Council supporting ‘Stoptober’, Public Health England’s annual smoking cessation campaign with its commissioned partner, Southampton Healthy Living, and Solent NHS, Southern Health and Southampton NHS CCG. ‘Stoptober’ encourages residents to stop smoking for the month, with the goal to quit for life.
21.	I enjoyed hearing about the seasonal launch of Southampton Healthy Homes on 4 October 2018 at Solent University’s Spark building. The launch announced £440,000 of funding from the Warm Homes Fund to support people living in fuel poverty, with Councillor Kaur and Southampton City Council’s Public Health Service Lead Officer, Dr. Debbie Chase, were featured speakers.
22.	It is great to see the work being done across the city to support vulnerable, low-income householders keep warm and well in their homes as we approach winter. Southampton City Council and its partner the Environment Centre have secured £440,000 from the Warm Homes Fund to extend the reach of the Southampton Healthy Homes scheme. Southampton Healthy Homes provides information, advice and guidance to the city’s residents on how they can stay warm and well at home. This includes switching tariffs, help to apply for the Warm Home Discount or deal with fuel debt, benefit checks, support to apply for insulation or heating improvement grants.
	SOUTHAMPTON IS AN ATTRACTIVE AND MODERN CITY WHERE PEOPLE ARE PROUD TO LIVE AND WORK

23.	I was humbled to see 17 Silent Soldier silhouettes appearing all over Southampton to mark the centenary of the end of World War One in 1918. Southampton City Council is one of many local authorities that have made a donation for the statues to the Royal British Legion, who have created the figures as part of their Silent Soldier Campaign as a 'Thank You' to the First World War generation who served, sacrificed, rebuilt and changed the nation.
24.	It was fantastic to see that Southampton hosted the Annual General Meeting of the National Association of the City and Towns Sheriffs of England and Wales during 29-30 September 2018. Southampton is one of only 15 locations across England and Wales that has a Sheriff, directly elected from one of the city's 48 councillors. The meeting consisted of an hour-long walking tour of Southampton, including Sea City Museum, the City Walls, Tudor House and Westgate Hall, as well as the Annual Association dinner, which took place at the Novotel in Southampton.
25.	I applaud the work of Balfour Beatty Living Places, Southampton City Council's Highways Partner, for their excellent work in removing the Castle Way footbridge for restoration, which took place in one night with minimal disruption on 24 September 2018. A time lapse video of the work was posted on our social media channels, and was watched over 35,000 times, generating a huge amount of positivity for our highways work.
26.	It was great to see the promotion of the 15 th annual Recycle Week (24-30 September 2018). Recycling rates in Southampton have increased in recent years, but there's still more to do to get to where we need to be. Southampton City Council is keen to support residents to help them to get their recycling right, so we have been sharing handy information, links, tips and advice on our social and digital media channels during Recycling Week.
27.	<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"> • 14-23 September – Yachtmarket.com Southampton Boat Show • 15 September – Folkdance Southampton – Morris dancers from around the country took over the city centre for a day of dance • 22 September- 28 October – Giant Observation Wheel returns to the Bargate area, providing spectacular views across the city. • 23 September – Annual Dog Show in St James' Park • 26 September – This Girl Can in Guildhall Square – Festival style day to encourage women to get involved in physical activity. • 29 September – 1 October – Music in the City – Popular free event featuring music in unusual places. • 5-7 October – Comedy Central's Comedy Live! In Hoglands Park and featured comedians including Jimmy Carr • 6 October – Policing through the Ages – An event featuring Police vehicles of the last 100 years in Westquay Esplanade • 26-27 October – Oktoberfest Southampton – Southampton experienced one of the world's most famous Bavarian festivals in Mayflower Park.
A MODERN, SUSTAINABLE COUNCIL	
28.	It is great to hear that £40,327 has been awarded to local community and voluntary organisations with an annual income of up to £250,000 through Southampton City Council's Community Chest Grant. Southampton City Council has increased funding for small grant schemes because it recognises and values the vital role that local

	groups from across the city play in strengthening their communities. A number of organisations received funding, including Monty's Community Hub, Board in the City and Southampton Music Trust.
29.	I was pleased to see that Southampton City Council has been awarded £95,000 from the Department for Transport's 'Connected Vehicles' grant funding to pilot new digital technologies for highways improvements across Southampton. Southampton City Council's highways partner, Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP), is fitting the sensors to selected vehicles in the council and BBLP fleets and on Blue Star buses to trail their movements through to March 2019. The devices will scan the city's roads as the vehicles drive, and the data collected will be analysed to provide insight on the future condition of roads. This will enable BBLP to better identify and manage repair needs of our road network.
30.	I was delighted to hear that Southampton has been chosen by CityFibre to benefit from a share of £2.5bn of investment to expand its full fibre network in the city. A full fibre network, delivering ultrafast internet speeds to homes and businesses in Southampton, will stimulate growth of the digital economy, make public services more efficient and underpin our aim of improving the city's digital skills.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

31.	None
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Property/Other

32.	None
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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

33.	As defined in the report appropriate to each section.
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Other Legal Implications:

34.	None
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RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

35.	None
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POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

36.	None
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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	