

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT		
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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 20th March 2019

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| | (i) | That the report be noted. |
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REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

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| 1. | This report is presented in accordance with Part 4 of the Council's Constitution. |
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ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

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| 2. | Not applicable. |
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DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

	STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH
3.	I was delighted to hear that Southampton City Council has announced that Barclays has been appointed to manage the Network Eagle Lab, Southampton's unique new co-working space at the Marlands shopping centre. The location will be run by the bank's Eagle Labs team, a group with a track record of helping entrepreneurs and businesses grow and scale in their local communities and beyond. Network Eagle Lab marks the first collaboration between Barclays Eagle Labs and a local authority.
4.	I am pleased to announce that, linked to Southampton's new local transport plan, the 'Connecting Southampton' website is now live at transport.southampton.gov.uk. The site is a place where residents, commuters and visitors can get the latest news on the major transport projects that are shaping our city. It includes traffic and travel information and detail on the long term vision for transport in Southampton with links to find out more information about getting around by public transport, walking and cycling.
5.	It was fantastic to learn that Southampton City Council & Hampshire County Council have secured a joint bid of £5.7m from the Department of Transport's 'Transforming Cities' Fund to continue delivering the Southampton Cycle Network (SCN) and for smart technology to help people get around by bus. The funding will accelerate plans to make it easier and safer for people to cycle by completing three Cycle Freeways across

	<p>Southampton and the wider City Region. The money will be used for the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the SCN1 Western Cycle Freeway between the city centre, the Port, Totton and the New Forest • the SCN3 Eastern Cycle Freeway from the city centre to Bitterne and Bursledon along the A3024 Bursledon Road • the SCN5 Northern Cycle Freeway to Chandlers Ford • improvements to cycle routes linking the main employment hubs of Southampton Airport, the University of Southampton the General Hospital and Adanac Park • smart technology in the traffic signals at the junctions of A335 Stoneham Way/A27 Wide Lane/Wessex Lane
6.	I was delighted to hear that Balfour Beatty Living Places, Southampton City Council's highways partner, has completed a project to improve Millbrook Road East for pedestrians and cyclists and develop the Southampton Cycle Network (SCN) on the SCN1 Western Cycle Freeway. The quiet ways scheme was designed to calm traffic and make cycling and walking into the city centre safer and more attractive option for people.
7.	I'd like to thank all road users for their patience whilst our highways partner Balfour Beatty carried out an essential project to excavate, reconstruct and resurface Millbrook Roundabout. It was great that the works completed ahead of schedule on 7 April 2019. This investment will secure the long term future of the roundabout which is key to the future prosperity of the city and the region.
8.	It's good to see Balfour Beatty, Southampton City Council's highways partner, start work on widening Coxford Road to improve hospital access and relieve a traffic pinch point. The £814,000 project funded by Southampton City Council together with University Hospital Southampton Trust will improve access to Southampton General Hospital, and will take nine weeks to complete.
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE GET A GOOD START IN LIFE	
9.	It was great to see staff celebrating World Social Work Day on 19 March. This year's theme was promoting the importance of human relationships. Over 70 staff from children's services shared lunch and explored different tools to use when working with our young people, and the standards governing our practice to carry out this work safely.
10.	I was very pleased to see The Right Worshipful Mayor of Southampton, Cllr Stephen Barnes-Andrews, recognising staff and pupils from schools across the city for achievements that improve their health as well as our air quality. In a ceremony held in the Mayor's Parlour on 2 April Mayor Barnes-Andrews praised more than 32 schools registered on the Healthy High 5 Award scheme and 15 participating in the Modeshift STARS (Sustainable Travel Accreditation and Recognition Scheme) scheme for teaching students the importance of mental wellbeing, nutrition and exercise.
11.	I was delighted to hear about the great work of the 60 Southampton Junior Neighbourhood Wardens who supported the Great British Clean during the Easter holiday break by collecting and safely disposing of litter from local streets, parks and playgrounds in the Lordswood, Townhill and Northam areas. As well as doing their bit for their community, they learned about reducing their carbon footprint by working with the council's Waste Operations Team to separate rubbish from recyclable waste, as well as enjoying an Easter egg hunt for their efforts.
12.	It is great to hear that Adopt South, Hampshire's new regional adoption agency, launched on 1 April. Adopt South is a Regional Adoption Agency, combining the services of Hampshire County Council, Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council and

	<p>Southampton City Council. The agency will enable efficient matching of children with adoptive families in secure and loving homes, ensuring the best possible outcomes for children. We were pleased to receive a letter from the Children and Families Minister, Nadhim Zahawi MP, congratulating all participating councils on the launch of Adopt South.</p>
PEOPLE IN SOUTHAMPTON LIVE SAFE, HEALTHY, INDEPENDENT LIVES	
13.	I was really proud to hear about the success of the council's Life Skills service. Since starting in April 2018, the service has provided over 250 sessions of one to one job coaching within the workplace, to support adults with learning disabilities into work, training or volunteering. In addition to this, I enjoyed a video showing the story of Matt from Harefield who was referred to the Life Skills service in June 2018 after being out of employment for four years, and how the service helped him secure paid employment.
14.	It was fantastic to see £2.7m of funding secured by Southampton City Council through the government's Clean Bus Technology Fund to retrofit buses and reduce harmful emissions in the city. By the end of May 2019, City Reds will have upgraded 49 of its Southampton vehicles with innovative selective catalytic reduction technology and bring its fleet to the Euro 6 standard for vehicle emissions - which almost completely removes Nitrogen Dioxides emissions. Go South Coast, Xelabus and Wheelers are set to follow later in the year.
15.	<p>I was also delighted to hear that Southampton City Council have been awarded £1.8M of funding from DEFRA to improve local air quality. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support freight consolidation for HGV vehicle operations in Southampton • Introduction of citywide traffic regulation condition requiring a minimum euro 6 standard on all bus routes • The introduction of new taxi licensing conditions requiring a minimum euro 6 diesel euro 4 petrol for newly licensed vehicles in 2020 and all vehicles by 2023 • Promotion of active and sustainable travel on the A3024 • Expansion of low emission taxi incentive scheme for Southampton licensed taxis • Offering a free trial scheme for taxi operators to consider the benefits of electric vehicles • Introduction of further charging points to support uptake of electric vehicles • Additional monitoring and evaluation of air quality and improvement measures
16.	I am excited to announce that CitizEn Energy has launched a new gas and electricity tariff, which is just for locals living in Southampton. The new 12 month fixed Local Tariff will be available to households across Southampton. CitizEn Energy's main aim is to try to help those who are struggling to pay their energy bills, and many could see savings of hundreds of pounds, especially if they have not switched for a while.
17.	<p>I am delighted to hear that we have won a number of funding bids to support people in Southampton live healthy, safe and independent lives. They are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £107,219 over 2 years from the NHS to increase provision of employment support to people with serious mental illness via the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) service. • £162,721 from the Department for Work and Pensions to increase provision of employment support to people with a mental illness. • £566,583 from European Structural & Investment Funding to support economically inactive or unemployed adults living in Southampton and the wider Solent LEP area whose health, drug/alcohol dependency, chronic lifestyles or

	homelessness are barriers to education, training or sustained employment via the Solent Employment Support project.
SOUTHAMPTON IS AN ATTRACTIVE AND MODERN CITY WHERE PEOPLE ARE PROUD TO LIVE AND WORK	
18.	I was delighted to hear that so far over 31,000 people have visited the Leonardo da Vinci: A Life in Drawing exhibition held at Southampton City Art Gallery. To put this number into perspective, in 2017-18 the visitor numbers to all exhibitions were 24,311 for the whole year. This is in addition to the excellent response to a questionnaire on the exhibit, where over 25% of respondents had never visited the Gallery before, 90% rated the exhibition excellent, and 100% they would come again or recommend a friend.
19.	I am very pleased to announce that a new exhibition entitled <i>Beyond the Brotherhood: The Pre-Raphaelite Legacy</i> will run at Southampton City Art Gallery from 18 October 2019 until 1 February 2020. This major exhibition, which will include works from Tate Britain, Victoria and Albert Museum and the Royal Academy, will highlight the importance of the Pre-Raphaelite movement and its influence on contemporary art and culture, as seen in the fantastical imagery of <i>Lord of the Rings</i> and <i>Game of Thrones</i> .
20.	I would like to offer my congratulations to Southampton City Art Gallery, which is now 80 years old! The Gallery was opened by the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester on 26 April 1939 and 80 years on the collection holds over 5,000 works and is internationally renowned.
21.	It was fantastic to see all the people taking part in the ABP Southampton Marathon on 5 May 2019. The event continues to go from strength to strength, with over 10,000 runners pounding the pavements in the Marathon, Half Marathon, 10k and children's races and I'd like to congratulate the winners of each race and all those who took part.
22.	I'd also like to say a big 'well done' to everyone who took part in Move in March, My Journey Southampton's event to encourage alternative travel and to get more people active throughout the month of March. As part of the month long event, 1172 people took part in Southampton Ride to Work Week and travelled via bike to work rather than using the car. By ditching the car and swapping to a more active mode of travel not only helps improve the air we breathe, but is a good way to get exercise and remain healthy.
23.	<p>It was humbling to see people coming together in solidarity on 26 April for a peace vigil organised by the Muslim Council of Southampton and Southampton Council of Faiths at the Peace Fountain in East Park, for the victims and families of the horrific attacks in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday.</p> <p>It was also humbling to see the peace vigil also held on 20 March at the Peace Fountain in East Park in honour of the victims and families of the New Zealand terror attack with prayer and reflection. The event was also organised by the Muslim Council of Southampton and Southampton Council of faiths, and shows that people in Southampton will always come together in solidarity against hatred and promoting the cause of peace.</p>
24.	<p>I am pleased to see that 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"> • 13 April - Titanic Family Fun Day – SeaCity Museum commemorated the 107th anniversary of RMS Titanic's fateful voyage.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 April – Let's Ride at Riverside Park – Families enjoyed a safe cycling event with the Let's Ride Pop-Up, providing a safe and friendly space for the whole family to improve their cycling skills. • 18 April – Toddler Time, Egg-tastic – SeaCity Museum hosted an Easter inspired event with stories and crafting fun. • 22 April – Easter Eggstravaganza – Family fun day with Organ Music, BBQ and fairground rides. • 26 April-6 May – Circus Extreme – A one-of-a-kind performance, that has been five years in the making descended on Mayflower Park as part of its European tour. • 27 April – World Tai Chi and Qi Gong Day – the event aimed at raising awareness of mental health and wellbeing through the simple and effective practice of Tai Chi and Qi Gong. • 6 May – Southampton May Day Celebration for People & Plants – local organisations and families were invited to take part in an event with live music, stalls and food.
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25.	<p>It was great to see local businesses showcasing the life changing apprenticeship opportunities that they offer at a Careers and Apprenticeships show, which took place on 14 May 2019 at St Mary's Stadium. The event was run by Southampton City Council and supported by Southern Universities Network, Solent LEP, Solent University, the Apprenticeship Hub and Southern Daily Echo. Employers from a range of sectors were in attendance, all of which are committed to the promotion of apprenticeship opportunities, offering level 3 to degree level apprenticeships.</p>
26.	<p>I would like to congratulate Ian Collins, Service Lead: Emergency Planning and Business Continuity, for being awarded a fellowship of the Emergency Planning Society, the professional body for the resilience industry on 14 March 2019. The fellowship is the highest level of society membership available and was awarded in recognition of Ian's contributions to the profession over the last 15 years.</p>
27.	<p>Congratulations to the Integrated Commissioning Unit (ICU) who were recently audited which resulted in their contract management process achieving the highest level of assurance in all aspects.</p>

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

28.	None
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Property/Other

29	None
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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

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

31.	None
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RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
32.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
33.	None
KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION	
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.	
Data Protection Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.	
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