

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT		
DATE OF DECISION:	18 th May 2022		
REPORT OF:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None.	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
This report outlines the Executive Business conducted since July 2021.	
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.	This report outlines the activity of the Executive and activities to progress the priorities set out in the Council's Corporate Plan (2021-2025) since 23 rd March 2022.
	Communities, Culture and Heritage
	We're delighted that through an unprecedented city-wide and regional collaboration, Southampton has been shortlisted to the final four to become the next UK City of Culture in 2025, alongside Bradford, Durham and Wrexham. This is a major achievement from a record breaking 20 cities who first entered the competition in 2021. As part of our City of Culture preparations, we continue to invest in our cultural heritage. For example, the £6 million Heritage Assets Repair Programme is already underway, with improvements being made to Weigh House and Westgate Town Walls and later this year we will ensure further access improvements in some of our medieval vaults.
	As the Ukraine crisis continues, Southampton has stepped up to make sure Ukrainians arriving in the city are fully supported and have access to the help they need. We have set up a Welcome Hub at the Central Library, which opened on Monday 4 th of April. This Hub provides a safe space, and face to face support to Ukrainians who have fled the war in Ukraine and to any Southampton residents who are hosting Ukrainians under the Homes for Ukraine and Ukraine Family Schemes. We have also set up the former Toys 'R' Us warehouse as a central point for residents to give donations and Southampton residents have kindly provided many donations already. With the Southampton Polish Club, we are helping to send valuable items to Ukrainians near the border of Ukraine.

	Our Greener City
	<p>In Southampton, we have been working hard to develop, and ensure easy access, to green space for our residents. We have successfully planted 70 trees in Riverside Park and 25 wildflower meadows ahead of our target. We have also completed the new landscape works at Janaway and Pettinger Gardens St. Deny's. We are currently working on the £550,000 Townhill Village Green project in establishing new multi-functional green spaces with mosaics, outdoor gyms, play areas and living crib walls, which will be completed by the end of May. With £45,000 provided by Environment Agency and our £20,000 contribution, we are also working alongside Shoreburs greenway friends to make major improvements at Miller's Pond. We aim to include the voices of our residents in the development of our green city and therefore, I am proud to announce that our public consultation on the Green Grid, undertaken with Green City Team, received over 5000 contributions to this important work.</p>
	<p>I am excited to share that we have teamed up with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust to create a "Wilder Southampton" and deliver nature and environmental projects across the city. We will increase biodiversity, improve people's health and wellbeing and reduce pressure on the natural environment. The Southampton Wilder Communities project team will work with Council's City Services team and continue to deliver schemes across our city's parks and open spaces. We will work to initiate community-led projects, host events, create environment campaigns and provide tools and resources so our residents can engage with nature. Moreover, we are working towards our effort to achieve net zero by 2030 and have already fitted solar panels, LED lighting and new control systems onto seven of the Council's buildings. This is not only contributing to tackling climate change but will also save the council £138,000 a year.</p>
	Growth
	<p>I am proud to announce that the Strategic Planning team have once again successfully secured funding from the Digital Planning Team at DLUHC. We will use this funding to build on our work of using digital tools to improve public engagement, encouraging all our residents to have their say about important issues, such as our new Local Plan, Southampton City Vision. This team have also secured a further £125,000 (on top of the 100,000 secured last year) which will enable us to invest in 3D modelling of the city centre and key local centres. This will help people to understand what new developments will look like in the proposed setting, particularly as we look to increase densities and actively encourage taller buildings in order to meet our challenging housing target.</p>
	<p>I was delighted to attend a successful trip representing Business South and Southampton City Council at the leading real estate market, Le Marché International des Professionnels de L'immobilier, (MIPIM) in March in Cannes, France. This four-day event enabled us to discover new opportunities for Southampton and meet key international stakeholders. We consolidated existing relationships with developers and representatives of businesses already working in Southampton. We also made new contacts with developers, investors and businesses who want to know more about the opportunities to work with the Council to deliver game-changing development within Southampton.</p>
	Wellbeing
	<p>I am delighted to share that Southampton has been awarded a further 3 years of funding from the Department of Education as part of its national Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme, following a hugely successful pilot year</p>

	<p>in 2021. They offered 3000 spaces for these eligible families to get involved in various activities such as skiing, swimming, computer coding, arts and crafts, sports, cooking and nutritional education. With this funding, our education and learning team will be able to continue to offer city wide holiday provision and nutritious food for all school aged pupils eligible for Free School Meals.</p>
	<p>It brings me pleasure to highlight that we have six new part time staff joining the Sensory Team, enabling the team to work with services to further develop practitioners' understanding of sensory loss, the impact this has on people's lives and what they can do to help. The Sensory team aim to work with key services, such as the Learning Disabilities Team and Solent Neuro Rehab and enhance existing relationships within the Community Independence Service and Southern Sight. Moreover, this team are providing excellent training to three new full-time nurses at the Eye Hospital who will be providing psychological support for people to help them cope with sight loss, and this will enable nurses to provide early referrals to Southampton Sight to ensure eligible people gain valuable support.</p>
	<p>A Council that works with and for you</p>
	<p>I am proud to announce that the installation work of CCTV cameras has begun and aims to enhance safety in our streets, especially in anti-social hotspots. The Council completed a comprehensive review of the CCTV cameras that exist within the city to help inform where additional CCTV would be of most benefit. As a result, it has been agreed that certain locations, such as Broad Green/Cossack Green, Cumbrian Way and Daisy Dip play area will benefit from additional cameras. The installation of the CCTV cameras is funded through £100,000 granted in the 2021 mid-year budget and a further £160,000 agreed as part of the 2022/23 budget setting to help combat anti-social behaviour and deter crime.</p>
	<p>The Big City Clean-up is on track for completion in June. We have successfully pared with the city's Business Improvement District (BID) Go! to help clean up Southampton City's streets. This has involved hot washing, removal of some high-level graffiti and a deep clean of pavements including gum removal, targeting certain areas such as Portswood, Lordshill and Shirley. With Go!, and funding from the Welcome Back Fund, we have successfully created a clean and more attractive city. Moreover, we will continue to ensure clean streets and have agreed new service level agreements with Go!, which will bring £400,000 income over the next 5 years for additional cleaning staff.</p>
<p>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</p>	
<p><u>Capital/Revenue</u></p>	
	<p>None.</p>
<p><u>Property/Other</u></p>	
	<p>None.</p>
<p>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</p>	
<p><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></p>	
	<p>As defined in the report appropriate to each section.</p>
<p><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></p>	
	<p>None.</p>
<p>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</p>	
	<p>None.</p>

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
	None.

KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	None

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.	No
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Data Protection Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.	No
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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)
1.	None.