

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	COUNCIL		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>	
None.	
<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>	
This report outlines the Executive Business conducted since May 2022.	
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>	
(i)	That the report be noted.
<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
1.	This report is presented in accordance with Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>	
2.	Not applicable.
<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>	
3.	This report outlines the activity of the Executive and activities to progress the priorities.
<b>Family</b>	
4.	<p>Firstly, I would like to announce that in May, Southampton City Council's Early Years and Childcare Service hosted its annual conference where we celebrated the fantastic work of early years practitioners, reception teachers and out of schools' providers who support and look after our city's young children.</p> <p>39 Healthy Early Years Awards (HEYA) were awarded, reflecting the dedication of our early years settings in ensuring the children they look after and their families, are educated in healthy nutrition, physical activity and oral health to ensure they have a good start in life.</p>
5.	The Southampton Music Hub, led by Southampton Music Services, has been fantastic in securing £5,000 from the Music Mark Trust. This will be used to invest in the commission of a new digital and physical resource pack to support health, wellbeing and growth mindset through singing and music-making. The resource will provide our music hubs with tools, resources and approaches that will support schools to embed music and wellbeing in the curriculum for children aged 6–9. The music hubs innovative model of shared commissioning will allow it to reach more children with the tools they need to support mental wellbeing through music.
6.	With the publication of formal exams returned, I would like to take this moment to highlight the hard work and resilience of all the staff and students in schools and colleges over the past few years. Teachers and students have gone to incredible lengths to adapt to the challenges of education brought about by the pandemic and should be truly proud of what they have achieved.
<b>Safety</b>	
7.	I am proud to announce that Southampton City Council has been shortlisted as a finalist in two categories ('Operational Risk' and 'Resilience Planning') of the ALARM Annual Risk Management awards. The award submission, made by council's Risk &

	Insurance Team in collaboration with Property Services, refers to the significant programme of works that the council has undertaken in improving fire safety within its housing properties and, in particular, the retrofitting of sprinkler systems in the high-rise housing blocks.
8.	I am pleased to share that Southampton City Council will receive £654,506 from the Department of Health and Social Care to support those who are affected by the harms of drug and alcohol use in the city. In Southampton, we are committed to working in collaboration with our partners across the city to protect people's safety, reduce harm, and this additional funding will enable us to further improve the support available, increase the number of people receiving help and reduce the caseloads of those helping them.
	<b>Green</b>
9.	It was a delight to work with schools and various organisations to promote active travel on Clean Air Day. Many schools closed the road outside their premises to encourage pupils to walk, cycle or scoot instead of travelling by car. Fourteen schools also took part in scoot to school competitions where children received fantastic active travel prizes. We partnered with Bluestar which offered a one-day Southampton zone ticket for just £1 and Voi which offered free and reduced fee scooting on this day. It was a successful day marking the beginning of a series of events over the summer to promote more sustainable living.
10.	One of these events, which I am excited to promote, is the Big Green Event which is taking place on the 30 <sup>th</sup> of July at the O2 Guildhall. Southampton City Council's Big Green Event will be the largest, free green event of its kind in the city. The day will include over 50 stalls, including partners from My Journey, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, Forestry Commission, Southampton National Park City, the Environment Centre, Friends of the Earth and Greenpeace.
11.	I am also proud to announce that we have worked alongside the Sub-Regional Transport Body for the South-East (TfSE), fifteen other constituent Local Transport Authorities, and other partners, such as National Highways and Network Rail in developing the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) for the region. The Plan builds on the TfSE Transport Strategy, adopted in 2020, by setting out an ambitious framework for investment up to 2050, which is aligned to new national guidance, including decarbonisation and levelling up. The SIP is supported by an evidence base made up of Area Studies and thematic and mode-based technical notes that set out proposed packages of interventions, including Core and Enhanced Rail, Active Travel and Micromobility, Bus and Mass Transit and Strategic Highways. A consultation was launched on 20 <sup>th</sup> of June and will end on 12 <sup>th</sup> of September this year. We look forward to hearing the responses from residents and relevant stakeholders.
	<b>Affordable</b>
12.	During our wellbeing week, our Communications & Stakeholder Engagement Officer lead 30-minute walks across the city throughout May. These walking tours highlighted how walking can be an important and affordable way to improve mental health and wellbeing during the working day. Many of our colleagues posted their favourite walks on our employee Facebook page.
13.	On 14 <sup>th</sup> June, Cabinet proudly approved a Nitrogen Mitigation Position Statement. This will ensure that new developments are 'nitrogen neutral' and thus enables new development to be built in the city whilst protecting the internationally important environment of the Solent, in accordance with the habitat regulations. The Council has worked closely with Natural England, PFSH and others to ensure the approach protects the environment, includes all the information to enable planning applications to be determined, and reflect the circumstances in the city. I am delighted to say that the Position Statement is due to be implemented for new planning applications

	shortly, once the final preparations are complete. This will enable us to build more affordable housing in the city.
	<b>Pride</b>
14.	It was great to see the 'Love Where You Live' campaign come to Derby Road in Southampton at the end of May. This was a community engagement event for residents and service providers alike. With waste disposal, littering and fly tipping ranking at the top of local concerns, this event was an opportunity for Southampton City Council to work with residents to tackle all three issues. The success of the event is a shining example of how we can continue to work to enhance community spirit and cohesion. I look forward to the next 'Love Where You Live' event held in Harefield on 18 August 2022.
15.	I would like to send my thanks to all of those that worked on the UK City of Culture Bid. Your enthusiasm and hard work is a credit to you all. Although we were ultimately unsuccessful, the bid brought the city together in ways that has not been seen before. We will use the £125,000 we were awarded as a shortlisted City of Culture bid to draw on the outstanding collaborative work of the city and our partners and will develop that legacy. Southampton 2025 Trust will support civic strategies of the city and lead on public and private sector fundraising to realise the ambitions and aspirations galvanised during the UK City of Culture bidding process.
16.	It was gratifying to welcome back SeaWorks to Mayflower Park in late June. Europe's biggest on-water commercial marine and workboat exhibition had not taken place in Southampton for the last two years due to the pandemic. Seaworks comprised of an exhibition, a conference and awards, attracting 7,500 industry professionals, 10,000 products and services, together with over 80 vessels. Consequently, the event provided a great opportunity to showcase the city whilst also promoting investment into our invaluable maritime industry.
17.	I am also delighted to announce that we are a host city in the UEFA Women's Euro Championships 2022. On 7 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> of July Austria, England, Northern Ireland, and Norway are set to play at St Mary's Stadium. We will have live music, entertainment, and performers, displays showcasing the history of women's football, football taster sessions and more family friendly activities, such as face-painting. This will be an exciting series of events this summer and enable Southampton residents of all ages to get involved in Europe's biggest ever women's sporting event.
18.	Finally, I would like to congratulate the city of Southampton for being awarded the status of Lord Mayor as part of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Civic Honours Competition. Southampton was one of 12 cities to submit a bid for Lord Mayor status to the Government, with Her Majesty the Queen making the final decision on the sole award. Southampton City Council's bid demonstrated our city's proud and distinct identity, our welcoming and friendly character, and our passion and commitment to our Mayoralty and the important role it plays in bringing people, and our communities, together. We will be one of only three cities to have been granted Lord Mayor status by Her Majesty the Queen in the 21st Century, and Southampton is the first English city to receive the honour since Exeter in the Queen's Golden Jubilee year of 2002. We are advised that at some point during the year we will receive a royal visit to bestow the formal Letters Patent and honour on the city.
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Capital/Revenue</u></b>	
	None.
<b><u>Property/Other</u></b>	
	None.
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>	
	As defined in the report appropriate to each section.
<b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>	

	None.
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</b>	
	None.
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>	
	None

<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	No
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	All

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

**Appendices**

1.	None
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**Documents In Members' Rooms**

1.	None
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**Equality Impact Assessment**

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

<b>Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.</b>	No
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**Other Background Documents**

**Other Background documents available for inspection at:**

<b>Title of Background Paper(s)</b>	<b>Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)</b>
1.	None.