

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT		
DATE OF DECISION:	18 JULY 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 16 th May 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.	<p>I would like to take this moment to mark the one year anniversary of the devastating fire at Grenfell Tower in London, which occurred on 14 June 2017, and in which 72 people lost their lives. I would also like to pay tribute to the hard work and dedication of all those working to deliver further improvements to tower blocks in Southampton.</p> <p>In partnership with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, we have installed new sprinkler systems at Shirley Towers, Albion Towers and Sturminster Towers. Work on sprinkler installation is also nearing completion at Canberra Towers, Redbridge Towers and Millbrook Towers. Works commenced in April on the five high rise blocks in International Way, and work on all five blocks is due to complete by the end of February 2019. Work will start this month in Dumbleton Towers and work in Hightown Towers and Meredith Towers will follow on. Sprinkler installation work is currently being programmed for Millbank Tower and Castle House. This programme will ensure all council owned towers over 30 metres are fitted with sprinklers, alongside other fire safety works including the upgrading and replacement of communal fire doors, flat front doors and fire stopping.</p>

	STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH
4.	I was very pleased to hear that Southampton's economic growth has been highlighted in the Irwin Mitchell UK Power House Consumer Economy 2018/19 report. Southampton has risen to 9 th place out of 44 cities, an increase of 3 places on last year's placing. The report ranks UK cities for the growth of their consumer sector, and shows that Southampton's consumer sector is currently growing at a rate of 2.6%, year on year.
5.	I was pleased to hear that work has commenced on a major Build to Rent regeneration project at East Street that will completely transform a key part of Southampton City Centre. The £27M development will feature a range of contemporary one and two bedroom apartments, and will be the second Build to Rent development in the city.
6.	It was fantastic to see that West Quay South has won two prestigious architecture awards at this year's Prix Versailles awards. These were awarded for 'best new shopping centre design in the world', and 'best new shopping centre in the world'. This is a fantastic example of the type of project our Development and Regeneration team work with our partners to deliver.
7.	It was great to hear that work has started on the renovation of one of Southampton's cultural and historical landmarks, God's House Tower. This will include the removal of modern internal walls, installation of a lift to make the building accessible, restoration of the original doorway on Town Quay Road, as well construction of a new extension to house facilities. God's House Tower will host exhibitions of the building's history, and provide additional exhibition space for future exhibits. The Council has made a modest financial contribution to aSpace who have raised £2.5m to take the project forward
8.	I was pleased to learn of the work of the council's Employment Support Team, in partnership with Job Centre Plus and the Federation of Small Businesses, to run a series of sessions for council tenants that want to start their own business. These were held between 18-20 June and covered what life is like being self-employed, managing your finances, legalities, tax and insurance and how to create a viable business plan.
9.	There is so much to be proud of in Southampton, including the opening of 'Network' on the second floor of the Marlands Shopping Centre in early 2019. 'Network' is a contemporary open plan floor space, and will offer members flexible new co-working space, giving entrepreneurs the freedom to work in a collaborative environment. Southampton City Council is making a £1.5M capital investment in the project, and Ellandi, the asset managers of the Marlands, are also investing to create a new dedicated entrance from Portland Terrace, as well as installing new lifts and replacing windows.
	CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE GET A GOOD START IN LIFE
10.	I am pleased to announce that the latest Ofsted focused review of the council's arrangements to support care leavers and looked after children has recognised the positive improvements to the service. Following the inspection, Ofsted has reported that Southampton City Council has a determined and stable senior leadership team and has made positive improvements to the service for care leavers, supported by a strong commitment and financial investment from political leaders.
11.	Continuing with the recent Ofsted success, I would like to congratulate Hightown Primary School on their recent Ofsted inspection, where they were rated overall as a 'Good' school. Credit and praise is due to all the staff, pupils, parents and governors at the school for their hard work to achieve this result.
12.	Well done to everyone who took part in the Southampton Foster Carers Association Bring your Bear for Foster Care day on the 18 May 2018. Officers and Members raised £617

	and it was brilliant to see such a great response from all those who took part. The video created to promote the event received almost twenty thousand views on social media.
13.	I'm delighted to announce that Southampton City Council has been accepted into the British Youth Council. Becoming part of the British Youth Council will help the council to create new opportunities and strengthen our dedication to empowering the young people of Southampton. I would also like to congratulate Shanté Jackson, who has been elected as Southampton's Member of Youth Parliament by Southampton City Council's Youth Forum. I was impressed by Shanté's enthusiasm and passion for Southampton, and I wish her all the best representing the young people of Southampton at a national level.
14.	It was great to hear about the Healthy High 5 Award launched by Public Health and Solent NHS, which will make it even easier for schools to help students get fit, eat well and live balanced lives. Healthy High 5 is an easy-to-follow framework for teachers and students, which focusses on physical activity, access to water, healthy lunch, breakfast and afterschool clubs, mindfulness, and nurturing nature.
15.	It was good to hear that 220 early years and childcare providers attended a Partnership launch event on 12 May 2018 at St Mary's Stadium. Preschool, nursery and school practitioners and leaders and childminders came together to explore how to work in partnership to better meet the needs of working parents following the introduction of the 30 hour offer for 3 and 4 year olds, as well as how they can help children reach their full potential.
16.	I was pleased to hear that Springwell School has received a £5,000 community grant from the Tesco 'Bags of Help' scheme to improve the school's courtyards and transform them into interactive outdoor classrooms. The project was initially shortlisted to the top three from hundreds of applications and during March and April 2018, Tesco customers throughout the city voted for their favourite project, in which the Springwell Courtyard project was awarded first place.
17.	Congratulations to Fairisle Junior School who were awarded a golden rose to celebrate receiving their Gold award from Modeshift STARS (Sustainable Travel Accreditation and Recognition Scheme). The Gold award is the highest accolade on offer, and shows that Fairisle Junior School have achieved a noticeable reduction in car usage through their efforts to promote sustainable travel on the journey into school.
	PEOPLE IN SOUTHAMPTON LIVE SAFE, HEALTHY, INDEPENDENT LIVES
18.	At its June meeting, Cabinet agreed to launch the 12-week Clear Air Zone Consultation in partnership with New Forest District Council. This will help seek views on the council's implementation of a Clean Air Zone to help reduce nitrogen dioxide pollution in the atmosphere. The consultation launched on Clean Air Day, 21 June 2018.
19.	I was pleased to attend another successful Clean Air Day on 21 June 2018. Clean Air Day is a national event, aimed at improving air quality around the country, which is something we are hugely passionate about in Southampton. This year, Guildhall Square and the Civic Centre car park hosted a festival for council staff and members of the public, to celebrate and champion cleaner air in the city. This included live music and entertainment, electric vehicle promotion, support from the My Journey team for car free journeys, as well as health checks and lung function tests.
20.	It is exciting to see that work has started on Potters Court, the city's largest Housing with Care development, at Wimpson Lane in Maybush. The scheme will consist of 99 new affordable homes, including 84 'housing with care' apartments, which provide purpose built homes for adults of all ages who would benefit from being able to live independently in a supportive environment. Potters Court will give tenants freedom and

	flexibility, with the option for care when desired. Residents will live in their own private home, with their own front door and can chose to join in social activities or follow their own schedule. This will build on the success of Erskine Court in Lordshill which opened in summer 2016.
21.	I was pleased to see the Southampton Guildhall light up blue to celebrate the National Health Service's 70 th birthday on 5 July 2018. I am proud of the partnership between Southampton City Council and the NHS to improve health and wellbeing, and I would like to thank all the NHS doctors, nurses, care staff, volunteers and others who work so hard every day to help others and work to achieve a healthy Southampton for all.
22.	I'm pleased to announce that Southampton City Council launched the not for profit energy provider, CitizEn Energy on 28 June. CitizEn offers customers fairly priced gas and electricity to residents of Southampton and other parts of the South, South West and the Midlands. By the end of year five, CitizEn Energy is projected to make a net income of £263,977, that will be invested straight back into any energy-related projects to help improve the lives of residents.
23.	It was great to hear that there has been a reduction of over 4,000 lost bed days at University Hospital Southampton due, in part to the hard work of the Complex Care and Hospital Discharge Team, The Integrated Commissioning Unit, Homecare agencies and improved Better Care Fund investment.
24.	Residents, local school children and members of the local community have come together to celebrate their efforts to improve their communal garden at Toronto Court. Toronto Court was the first complex built for sheltered housing in Southampton in 1951, which was part-funded by the people of Toronto in Canada in response to Southampton's support for their troops during the Second World War. A Canadian brown bear art display and a resident-designed maple leaf have now been installed, honouring the community's long standing connections to Canada.
25.	I was pleased to hear that the Transforming Care Partnership, which includes Southampton's Integrated Commissioning Unit (ICU), Hampshire County Council, Isle of Wight Council and Portsmouth City Council (SHIP) have received a £74,000 grant from Health Education England. This will be used to help ensure that all health and social care services supporting or interacting with individuals who have a learning disability have enough staff, with the right skills, to deliver high quality services now and into the future.
26.	It was pleasing to hear that Southampton City Council's sustainable travel brand 'My Journey' has teamed up with walking and cycling charity Sustrans and the University of Southampton to change the face of Sholing's streets. Pupils, parents and staff from Valentine Primary school, as well as local residents had the opportunity to redesign Valentine Avenue in a temporary road closure on 22 June 2018. Temporary seating, urban furniture and planting were trialled during the closure and will remain in place for a month in a bid to make the street more attractive and safer for children and to encourage greater levels of active travel amongst residents.
27.	It was good to hear about all the work being done to combat loneliness, in partnership with the Southampton City NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and our community partners. A range of activities have been undertaken recently, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get Online and Stay in Touch – a free roadshow for council tenants that was held on Wednesday 20 June – Friday 22 June, to support people that want to learn how to use tablets and mobile phones to stay in touch with friends and family. • Activity Sessions for the 50+ - activities at the councils 24 supported housing schemes are available for anyone in the community aged 50+. These included coffee mornings, bingo sessions, games evenings, lunch clubs, and reminiscence groups.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Get Together – Friends of Freemantle Lake Park Picnic – On Saturday 23 June, Friends of Freemantle Lark Park invited members of the community to bring a picnic and encouraged people to participate in free activities at their Great Get Together. The event was assisted by a council grant. • GENIE tool to combat social isolation – The council and the CCG are working with community partners to implement a software tool (GENIE), developed by the University of Southampton, that helps combat social isolation by mapping an individual's social networks and then connecting them with activities and opportunities in the local community.
28.	<p>Linked to the above, I was pleased to see our Junior Neighbourhood Warden scheme is continuing to help combat loneliness in the city. A project has been running for over a year where, once a fortnight, pensioners and the Junior Neighbourhood Wardens get together for an evening of fun that helps break down barriers, combat loneliness and promote understanding between different age groups. Anyone over the age of 60 living in the local community can join in the free activities including trips out, games, quizzes, arts and crafts, cooking and using new technology.</p>
	<p>SOUTHAMPTON IS AN ATTRACTIVE AND MODERN CITY WHERE PEOPLE ARE PROUD TO LIVE AND WORK</p>
29.	<p>It was great to see another successful year for Common People. The two-day music festival held on the Common on 26-27 May 2018 hosted almost 20,000 visitors. This year, festivalgoers were treated to sets from The Jacksons, Lily Allen, James, Sparks, All Saints and many more, as well as delicious food and drink from 22 street food stalls.</p>
30.	<p>I was proud to see that our city hosted its first ever Armed Forces Day event on 1 July 2018. Southampton has a long military history and 2018 is the centenary year of the Royal Air Force, 100 years since the end of World War 1, and the tenth anniversary of Armed Forces day. The event consisted of a military parade through the city centre, which comprised of military personnel, armed forces veterans, cadet forces, re-enactors and marching bands, plus numerous wheeled military vehicles and motorcycles, many ridden and driven by veterans.</p>
31.	<p>I am looking forward to seeing an explosion of colour at Southampton's well established Mela Festival on 14 July 2018. Hoglands Park will be filled with an assortment of music and dance styles from South Asia and around the world, as well as international food and market stalls and many family-friendly activities. Southampton is called the gateway to the world, and we are proud of our diverse communities.</p>
32.	<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"> • Pillars of Dawn, Friday 25 May 2018 – October 6 2018 – Southampton City Art Gallery. • Southampton Fake Festival, Saturday 2 June 2018 – six tribute bands took to the stage at Mayflower Park. • Street Jam Live, Saturday 9 June 2018 – Solent Showcase Gallery celebrated street art, music and creativity. • Let's Ride Southampton, Sunday 17 June 2018 – 9000 cyclists enjoyed a traffic free cycling route across the city centre, that took in the sights of Guildhall Square, Southampton Common and East Park. • Dine High Club, Wednesday 27 June-Saturday 30 June 2018 – Diners experienced fine dining suspended 100ft in the air above Guildhall Square. • Seawork International 2018, Tuesday 3 July-Thursday 5 July – Europe's largest commercial marine and workboat exhibition held on Mayflower Park.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let's Rock! Southampton, Saturday 7 July 2018 – Festival-goers enjoyed a fantastic 80's music festival, with the likes of Adam Ant, Sister Sledge, ABC and many others on Southampton Common. Big Fun Run Southampton, Sunday 15 July 2018 – an untimed 5k run in the Common, where participants run for charity or just for fun.
	A MODERN, SUSTAINABLE COUNCIL
33.	I am proud to announce that the Local Land Charges team have been awarded the Gold Standard award for the fifth year running by the Local Land and Property Gazetteer. The award highlights Custodians' roles within their authorities and enable their work to be more widely promoted to all parts of the authority, as well as being externally recognised.
34.	It was pleasing to hear that our Building Control team has recently secured ISO 9001 certification. To achieve this, organisations need to show that their Quality Management System is appropriate and effective, and goes beyond customer expectations. Our team are in the first wave of Local Authority services to attain this standard. Certification was also awarded to our Highways Partner, Balfour Beatty Living Places, who were recognised with an ISO44001 certification for Collaborative Business Working Relationship Management Systems.
35.	I am pleased to announce that the process for planning applications has been improved with the introduction of an online payment system, which went live on 22 May 2018. This is further evidence of the council driving forward with digital improvement of its services.
36.	It was good to hear that the council's Business Support Service is continuing to drive efficiency and sustainability in regards to customer interaction with the Building Control service. Improvements have recently been made in digitising completion certificates, and sending them to customers via email, rather than by post. This saves the service both time and money, whilst providing a faster service for the customer.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
37.	None
<u>Property/Other</u>	
38.	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
39.	As defined in the report appropriate to each section.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
40.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
41.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
42.	None

KEY DECISION?	No
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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	