

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT		
DATE OF DECISION:	17 July 2019		
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 15 th May 2019	
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)	
STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH	
3.	I was excited to be part of the twinning event between Miami, Florida and Southampton on 14 June 2019 with the Mayor of Miami-Dade County Carlos Gimenez and Manny Gonzalez, Chief of Economic Development and International Trade for Miami-Dade county, Juan Kuryla, Port Director and Alex Ferro, Mayor Gimenez' Chief of Staff. As part of our city's vision to nurture global partnerships and to be known internationally for its immense pioneering role in human discovery, and as a green and smart city as well as a city of culture, this ceremony helped to recognise and celebrate the similarities between the two international maritime cities.
4.	I was also delighted to speak at the opening event for Network Eagle Labs on 26 th June, Southampton's first collaborative co-working space in the Marlands shopping centre. Southampton City Council has made a £1.5m capital investment in the creation of Network, to provide a unique co-working space in which to grow start-ups or scale-up businesses.

5.	It was fantastic to hear that Inland Homes' Meridian Waterside was awarded Best New Development in the South at the 2019 First Time Buyer Readers' Awards in May 2019. As one of Southampton City Council's VIP projects and the regeneration of the former Meridian Television site, the development integrates spectacular riverside views and nearby city amenities.
6.	I was proud to see that the Tech Nation Report 2019 lists Southampton as being in the top 20 UK cities for scale-up tech investment from 2015-2018. Our city has always been a global pioneer in innovation and discovery, so it's no surprise that Southampton is considered one of the best places for the tech industry and investment. The report details the dynamics of the UK's tech ecosystem and explores the wider international landscape and Southampton also performs strongly in the global and regional specialisation of emerging tech activities.
7.	Following on from celebrating Southampton's position in the Tech Nation Report 2019, it was great to see leading Southampton lawyers, entrepreneurs, academics and decision makers forming a brand new coalition called Tech Solent, to connect, promote and develop the tech community in Southampton and the wider Solent region on 14 June 2019 at Solent University. 120 members of Southampton's tech community came together to discuss the Internet of Things, high-speed infrastructure investment, supporting tech start-ventures in the city and the future of the region as a technology hub.
8.	It was exciting to see the launch of VisitSouthampton.co.uk, the new website launched by GO! Southampton with support from Southampton City Council. The website's primary aim is to give tourists, local people, cruise ship passengers and other visitors with information about the exciting events that Southampton has to offer, as well as when and where they are taking place. The website also aims to inspire local people and their communities to explore the city more.
9.	I am excited to announce that Toob, a full fibre broadband provider have stated that Southampton will be the first city to benefit from their full fibre network rollout, delivering download speeds 20 x faster than the UK average, and upload speeds 145 x faster than the UK average. Toob will be investing £50 million in Southampton to build a brand-new full fibre network to deliver gigabit broadband speeds to more than 100,000 premises by the end of 2021.
10.	I was also pleased to see the return of Seawork to Mayflower Park in Southampton, Europe's biggest commercial marine and workboat exhibition. The event was held on 9 to 11 June and had 8000 visitors, with 85 per cent of those have the status of senior decision maker or influencer in the organisation they work in.
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE GET A GOOD START IN LIFE	
11.	It was fantastic to see people celebrating the commitment, passion and dedication of our foster carers, whilst highlighting the need for more foster carers in and around Southampton during Fostercare Fortnight in May. This year the campaign focused on why foster carers decide to foster and what they gain from it.
12.	It was great to see the launch of Southampton City Libraries Summer Reading Challenge in June 2019, calling for children to sign up to read six

	books this summer. The theme for the 2019 Summer Reading Challenge is Space Chase, inspired by the 50 th anniversary of the first moon landing.
13.	It was fantastic to hear that Southampton City Council has launched an active summer campaign encouraging children to engage in more physical activity. Between the 20 May and 17 June, colourful Change4Life advertisements around the city have been displayed encouraging families to 'Move More' and be active. As well as the advertisements, we have been promoting this message to schools in Southampton and Early Years Centres, as well as promoting the message on social media.
14.	In June, Southampton City Council's Public Health team worked with the Children and Families Directorate to produce a short, professional film that encourages early year centre managers and childminders in Southampton to sign up for the Health Early Years Award. It is expected that the video will debut at an October's ceremony for Early Years providers.
15.	I was pleased to hear that Southampton City Council has partnered with Portsmouth City Council and the University of Portsmouth School of Dentistry to customise a short video for children promoting proper tooth brushing and oral health. The video was launched in June 2019 and has been shared widely on social media sites, highlighting the importance of oral hygiene.
16.	Congratulations to St John's Primary & Nursery School who have received the much coveted Gold Modeshift STARS Award for its exceptional efforts in promoting walking, cycling and scooting on the school run in June 2019. The Gold award is the highest accolade awarded by Modeshift STARS (Sustainable Travel Accreditation and Recognition Scheme), which is a national scheme acknowledging schools that have excelled in encouraging active travel on the school run.
17.	It was fantastic to see our Year 6 Looked After Children attending a brilliant event with Solent University to learn about university life. The children were given the opportunity to design their own universities and were treated to a tour of campus facilities to inspire them to pursue a university education in the future. The event was held in collaboration between Southampton Virtual School and College and the Southern University Network, who offer bespoke aspirational visits specifically designed for all our Looked After Children.
	PEOPLE IN SOUTHAMPTON LIVE SAFE, HEALTHY, INDEPENDENT LIVES
18.	I was extremely proud to launch the Green City Charter on Clean Air Day 20 June. Southampton is leading the way by introducing ambitious measures to create a cleaner, greener, healthier and more sustainable city. Through the Charter, Southampton will be a better place for present and future generations that is prepared for the challenges presented by climate change. The council will achieve this by ensuring we are ambitious, leading by example and by setting challenging goals.
19.	Making a stand against domestic violence is important, and I'm pleased that seventeen members of the council's Housing Service are taking part in specialist training to become Domestic Abuse Champions so they can act as leads for domestic abuse cases. This involves advising and supporting colleagues on the management of cases, and ensuring victims among Southampton's 16,000 council homes have access to local resources and specialist domestic abuse support.

20.	It was great to see the launch of a city-wide health campaign aiming to eliminate hepatitis C on 12 June. University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust, Solent NHS Trust and the University of Southampton are working with Southampton City Council to set up testing points at pharmacies throughout the city to help identify people with hepatitis C.
21.	I enjoyed hearing about Southampton Oaklands Team & Recreational Sports (OTARS), part of Southampton City Council Day Services, putting on their 8 th annual Golf Day with the support of ex Southampton Football Club Manager Lawrie McMenemy, to raise funds to support local athletes with learning disabilities to participate in sport. In total, the event raised £4,035.
22.	It was great to see staff engaged in Mental Health Awareness Week between 15 and 21 May 2019. This year's Mental Health Awareness week was primarily focussed on letting staff know about the wellbeing opportunities they can access through work, encouraging conversations about wellbeing among staff, and showing people the five steps they can take towards better wellbeing, such as giving to charity, taking a walk or getting active in some way.
23.	It was fantastic to see a great example of social value arising from a commissioned contract by Southampton City Council with Home Group Housing. As well as delivering on the commissioned contract, Home Group have set up three knitting groups around the city, attracting a wide variety of people, including people with mental health issues, learning disabilities and physical disabilities. A particular success of the group has been the knitting of Bobby Buddy Bears to the police, who gave them out to children they have been working with.
24.	It was humbling to see Southampton City Council and the local NHS pledging to work in partnership to continue to identify and support carers in Southampton in June 2019. The pledge will give carers the opportunity to have an assessment of their needs and access appropriate information, advice and support and it makes clear that we will listen to carers so that we can help to improve services available to them in Southampton.
25.	I am excited to announce that our new Community Solutions Service has been procured and will start on 1 October 2019. The service is jointly funded by Southampton City Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group and will be led by Southampton Voluntary Services in partnership with five other organisations. The partnership will provide community development infrastructure support and community navigation, these together aim to increase the breadth and depth of community based activity available and being accessed by the people of Southampton.
26.	It was very positive to see the success of Wellbeing@Work, a Business Breakfast held at The White Building in Southampton on 25 June 2019, where Officers from Southampton City Council took a lead on supporting local businesses to invest in staff health and wellbeing. The purpose of the Wellbeing@Work is to support businesses in realising the benefits of investing in the health and wellbeing of their staff, which reduces sickness absence, increased productivity and retaining talent.

	SOUTHAMPTON IS AN ATTRACTIVE AND MODERN CITY WHERE PEOPLE ARE PROUD TO LIVE AND WORK
28.	I was proud to see Southampton celebrate Armed Forces Day on 30 June 2019. This year's event featured a military parade and vehicle cavalcade, live music, a special appearance from former SAS soldier, Phil Campion, live displays including a dog display team and a huge array of military vehicles.
29.	Furthermore, I was pleased to unveil one of four benches at Southampton Old Cemetery in June 2019 that have been placed around Southampton to commemorate the contribution that armed forces personnel made to World War 1. The other benches are located at the South Stoneham Garden of Remembrance at Stoneham Cemetery, Hollybrook Cemetery and on Lances Hill.
30.	This year marks the 15th year of British Citizenship ceremonies in Southampton. To date, over 8,000 new citizens have been welcomed by the Mayor of Southampton and Southampton Registration Services. Most of the ceremonies have been held in the beautiful Mayor's Parlour, and I would like to offer congratulations to everyone who is taking part in this year's ceremonies.
31.	We were pleased to welcome the Indian High Commissioner, Her Excellency Mrs Ruchi Ghanashyam, to the city as part of a celebratory event at the University of Southampton to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi. As part of the celebrations, the High Commissioner planted a memorial tree, joined by the Sheriff of Southampton, Councillor Susan Blatchford.
32.	It was good to see that Balfour Beatty Living Places, Southampton City Council's Highways Partner has completed work on the installation of a pedestrian zone for the Guildhall Square Cultural Quarter. West Marlands Road will no longer be a through route and access will only be granted to authorised vehicles with legitimate reason to enter, making the Cultural Quarter safer, quieter and appealing for all users.
33.	It was so exciting to see the buzz in Southampton as the city was an official host city of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, held 30 May to 14 July 2019. Five games were played at the Hampshire Bowl as part of the prestigious internal tournament, and the fanzone at Westquay, on the Esplanade from 14 June to 16 June 2019 featured a big screen for thousands of people to follow the action live from comfy seating in front of Southampton's iconic medieval walls. It was estimated that being a host city provided up to £18.3m worth of economic benefits for Southampton and our local businesses.
34.	I was pleased to hear that two new water bottle filling stations on Southampton Common have been installed so that members of the public can refill their re-usable water bottles with fresh drinking water, reducing the impact of single use plastic bottles on the environment. They were installed behind the kiosk in the new play area in the Common and one outside the Hawthorns café.
35.	It was fantastic to hear that eight new electric vehicle charging points have gone live in four of Southampton City Council's car parks in Woolston. Two charging points have been installed at each of the following car parks and are available to any car park customer.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodley Road Car Park • Victoria Road Car Park • Oakbank Road Car Park • The Colonnade Car Park
36.	<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"> • 15-19 May – Community Fair at Mayfield Park – A family friendly event hosting rides, community stalls, hot food and a bouncy castle • 18 May – Get Creative Festival – Southampton libraries took part in a national Get Creative festival of craft activities. • 20-24 May – Walk to School Week – My Journey Southampton supported an event encouraging parents and children around Southampton to unite for one week of walking to school. • 25 May – Southampton Dementia Festival 2019 – An event for all the family showcasing opportunities for people living with dementia, and their carers, to help them continue to live well in Southampton. • 15 June – Southampton Festival of Eid – the Muslim Council of Southampton hosted an event in Hoglands Park, with attractions including music and entertainment, funfair rides, clothes stalls, face painting, street food stalls, bouncy castle and children's activities. • 18 June – The Civic University: transforming lives through collaboration – A free two-hour event held at The Spark by Southampton City Council and Solent University supporting the vision of Southampton as a 'City of opportunity where everyone thrives'. • 23 June – Race for Life 5k/10K: Thousands of people united together for one purpose – to run or walk and raise valuable funds for life-saving research. • 25-29 June – Skate Southampton: Gallery 1 of the John Hansard Gallery hosted a packed programme full of interactive displays, exhibitions, workshops, talks,, screenings and demonstrations to celebrate the art of skateboarding. • 21 July – HSBC UK Let's Ride Southampton: British Cycling's traffic-free cycling festival includes a series of fun activities and challenges for the whole family to enjoy.
	A MODERN, SUSTAINABLE COUNCIL
37.	<p>I was delighted to hear that the success of the Solent Jobs Programme was celebrated at a stakeholder conference on 17 May. The Solent Jobs Programme is a joint programme involving Southampton City Council, Portsmouth City Council and the Wheatsheaf Trust to support people with long term and complex barriers into work. The event highlighted some of the impressive achievements that participants in the Solent Jobs Programme have accomplished over the last two years.</p>
38.	<p>It was also good to see the Solent Apprenticeship Hub, led by Southampton City Council, hosting their first annual conference #NotAnotherBusinessTax, on 13 June at the Village Hotel, Portsmouth. The event provided the perfect environment for apprenticeship levy-paying employers to learn from leading HR, business performance and training experts as well as engaging with support services to aid their growth prospects.</p>

38.	I would like to thank Southampton City Council's Trading Standards and Legal Services teams for their crucial lead role in ensuring 177 victims of fraud were fully compensated and eight defendants were found guilty of money laundering and fraud offences following a five month trial. The council put evidence before the court of 177 victims, who had paid sums of up to £18,000 for plumbing and drainage work both in the City and throughout the South of England.
39.	I was incredibly pleased to hear that according to TheJobCrowd, Southampton City Council is the leading apprentice employer in the Charity, Education and Public Sector Industry. The council was also ranked 44 th in the top 50 apprenticeship employers, which marks a significant improvement in our work with apprentices over recent years.
40.	I would like to congratulate and thank the Elections Team on behalf of all Members who did a fantastic job in arranging the two recent elections over a three week period, with an incredibly short lead in time for the EU election itself. I would like to pay specific thanks to Mike Hickman, Marijke Elst, Natasha Cole, Rosie Ball, Lillian Werrett and Scott Healey for all of their efforts.
41.	It was also fantastic to hear that the Land Charges/LLPG team has been awarded the highest Gold Standard Excellence Award for the Local Land and Property Gazetter for the fifth year running. Each year awards are handed out to local authorities that consistently achieve high levels of data accuracy, and it is a credit to all teams involved for maintaining such a high standard.
42.	Southampton Crematorium, which is run by Southampton City Council, donated £8,000 to Southampton and District Diabetes Group. This money has been raised from their Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) recycling metals scheme. This brings the total the crematorium has donated to local charities in the last two years to an astonishing £30,000.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
43.	None
<u>Property/Other</u>	
44.	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
45.	As defined in the report appropriate to each section.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
46.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
47.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
48.	None

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)
1.	None