

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT		
DATE OF DECISION:	20 NOVEMBER 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 18 September 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	
	Not applicable.
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH	
2.	The UK Powerhouse report by Irwin Mitchell and the Centre for Economic & Business Research has highlighted Southampton as having the 8 th fastest growing economy in the UK, growing at a rate of 1.6% year-on-year. This made Southampton the fastest growing economy on the south coast.
3.	On 4 November 2019 Southampton City Council published its vision for the Mayflower Quarter. The 84 hectare area is one of the largest city centre regeneration opportunities in the UK, extending from Southampton train station to the waterfront, and will be a pivotal step in the city becoming a global destination.
4.	The city has seen a 21% increase in apprenticeship new starters across the city in 2019. This statistic is higher than the Hampshire and South East average, and Southampton is leading the way in the Solent in terms of new apprenticeships, which is positive for residents of Southampton moving into work.

5.	Southampton has been shortlisted by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and the Prime Minister's Office as one of the additional 50 towns and cities to be awarded funding from the Future High Streets Fund. Southampton's proposals will give priority to the area south of the Bargate. The proposals will now progress to the second phase of the programme and could receive up to £150,000 to support the development of plans for the area.
6.	Work commenced at Botley Road as part of a major upgrade project on the A3024 Bursledon Road on 14 October. Improvements to the junction will include upgrades to the traffic signals and the installation of signalised pedestrian crossings. New Toucan crossing and a separate cycling crossing will be provided, while the footway will also be widened to create a shared use footway/cycleway along the north side of Bursledon Road.
7.	Network Eagle Lab has won the Workplace Environment award at this year's prestigious South Coast Property Awards event, which took place at the Ageas Bowl.
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE GET A GOOD START IN LIFE	
8.	Southampton City Council have once again taken part in the Make Your Mark Consultation run by the UK Youth Parliament and British Youth Council. Last year, 13,511 Southampton young people voted Ending Knife Crime as their top issue in Southampton – as a consequence the council has prioritised getting the voice of young people included on relevant forums and partnerships, whilst also helping to commission projects designed to reassure our young people. This year, we have received an increase to 14,012, ranking Southampton number one in the UK for turnout. This is testament to the council's belief and commitment to truly listening to the voice of young people. This year Southampton have voted Protecting the Environment as their top issue, with 49% of respondents identifying this within their votes.
10.	Southampton City Council has launched our Feed the Future scheme in ten schools to ensure that no child goes hungry and to promote healthy choices around nutrition. This pilot scheme will provide free fruit, vegetables and yoghurts to school children up to the age of 11 years. From September, pupils at Weston Park, Shirley Warren, Newlands, Mansbridge Primary, Redbridge and Swaythling Primary schools will all be receiving produce, and by the end of October, Thornhill, Valentine, Wordsworth and Hightown Primary Schools will join the scheme.
11.	<p>Southampton City Council recently celebrated the achievements, talents and aspirations of our care leavers during National Care Leavers' Week (28 October – 1 November). A series of free, fun and informative activities took place for care leavers, which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 'meet and greet' where care leavers can meet the Mayor of Southampton as well as senior managers in Southampton City Council's children's services • An event at the John Hansard Gallery for parents and others involved in the care and education of looked-after children, where they can learn more about the support available as they make the transition to independent adult life and to education

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A careers fair exclusively for care leavers, giving them the opportunity to meet with local employers, colleges and universities and find out more about their options • An open morning for care leavers, where they can find out about university life and the support available to them as care leavers
12.	Cantell School hosted a day of mental wellbeing activities for more than 1200 pupils (aged 11-16) from five secondary schools on 10 October for World Mental Health Day. Solent NHS Trust's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) provided information and facilitated awareness raising sessions and workshops in the school's classrooms, sports hall and dance studio with community partners like National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC), Princes Trust, Solent Mind, No Limits, Saints Foundation and Active Nation Southampton.
13.	Congratulations to Banister Primary School, who have received a Bronze Modeshift STARS award for its effort in promoting active travel on the school run. Modeshift STARS (Sustainable Travel Accreditation and Recognition Scheme) is a national scheme acknowledging schools that have excelled in encouraging families to walk, cycle and scoot to school. Currently 70% of children are now travelling actively to Banister Primary School, which achieved the accolade in under two terms.
14.	Southampton City Council, through its Cultural Services and Children and Young People are part of the newly funded <i>Connecting Culture</i> project. Led by the University of Southampton, <i>Connecting Culture</i> is a two-year project supported by the National Lottery through Arts Council England and involves a large consortium of arts organisations and child-focused services, to catalyse a new future in the culture. Overall the project aims are to provide an evidence base for Children and Young People's engagement in culture in Southampton, enable young people to produce a Young People's Manifesto & Map to be adopted by 'Child-Friendly Southampton' and create a sustained programme that reflects their needs. This ambitious pilot programme will serve as a new model of cross-sector working for Southampton, leading to a step-change in how the city engages with children and young people by directly drawing on their real-life experiences to shape future actions and activities.
15.	Southampton City Council celebrated the success of our newly qualified Social Workers and Support Workers at an event on 4 November. These newly qualified Social Workers completed their ASYE (Assessed & Supported Year in Employment) qualification and our Support Workers from our Children's Centres were also celebrated who had achieved City & Guilds NVQ qualifications.
	PEOPLE IN SOUTHAMPTON LIVE SAFE, HEALTHY, INDEPENDENT LIVES
17.	As well as celebrating their first birthday, CitizEn Energy has also kick started their campaign to plant 100 trees in Southampton by donating free trees to local schools and community groups.
18.	Thanks to the work of Southampton City Council's Trading Standards Service, an illegal tobacco operation at two shops in Southampton was conducted on 18 September. A total of 5520 cigarette sticks and 1.15kg of hand-rolling

	tobacco from two shops in Shirley Road was seized. All of the products were non-UK duty paid and the hand-rolling tobacco was counterfeit.
19.	Southampton City Council, Active Nation and the Saints Foundation have been encouraging schools, employers and residents to get physically active to celebrate National Fitness Day on 25 September. A number of fitness events were held across the city for children and adults of all ages and abilities, helping to raise highlight the role physical activity has helping us all lead healthier and active lifestyles.
20.	Southampton's new stop smoking service launched in selected Southampton pharmacies to coordinate with the start of Stoptober, the national campaign to encourage smokers to stop smoking. The service will provide free, confidential support for smokers to quit. As well as advice, several pharmacies across the city are now offering free nicotine replacement therapies (NRT) and friendly advice, with more pharmacies preparing to offer the service in the near future.
21.	A newly developed, free to access, Autism eLearning training has been launched to help develop understanding of the condition. The open access Autism eLearning training has been co-produced with Autism Hampshire, numerous people on the autistic spectrum across Hampshire and four local authorities (Southampton City Council, Hampshire County Council, Isle of Wight Council and Portsmouth City Council).
22.	The Integrated Commissioning Unit (ICU) has recently been successful in a bid for funding from the local NHS to develop new mental health support teams in schools and colleges. Southampton will be one of 57 areas in England which will take part in this new scheme, and aims to support 16,000 pupils in the city.
23.	As a result of the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management Recycling of Metals Scheme, Southampton City Council's Bereavement Services have donated £8000 to the Red Lipstick Foundation, who help and support those affected by suicide by providing online support, groups, meetups and counselling.
24.	Following an investigation carried out by Southampton City Council's environmental health team supported by Legal Services, The Dolphin pub in Portswood has been successfully prosecuted for noise offences. The case returned to the Magistrates' Court on 7 November 2019 for sentencing, where The Dolphin was fined a total of £5,280.
	SOUTHAMPTON IS AN ATTRACTIVE AND MODERN CITY WHERE PEOPLE ARE PROUD TO LIVE AND WORK
25.	The Southampton Christmas Market and the UK's only Flying Santa have returned to Southampton on Above Bar pedestrian precinct and Bargate Street, from Thursday 14 November – Monday 23 December. The traditional market features unique, individually designed alpine chalets. There are over 40 independent stallholders offering a range of hand-made, authentic gifts. As well as the return of the market, Southampton's Christmas light switch on took place on 14 November, with live entertainment from local community groups, and roaming street performers from Mayflower and NST theatres.
26.	As well as the Christmas lights switch on, on Above Bar Street, the Bitterne lights will be switched on, on the 23 rd November and the Christmas lights on

	Shirley High Street will be switched on the 24 th November. Both of these Christmas lights have been funded by Southampton City Council.
27.	SeaCity Museum installed a trail for Black History Month in the Southampton Stories exhibition to showcase important stories from Southampton's African Caribbean communities.
28.	God's House Tower (GHT) has now fully opened to the public after a £3.1 million refurbishment project on 28 October. The venue is now an exciting and vibrant addition to Southampton's cultural offer, and has much to offer people of all ages and interests. Visitors will be able to travel back in time to the Tower's creation as a gun tower, to its dark days as a dismal gaol, housing Southampton's various criminals and hear the human 'Stories Behind the Stones' with each floor of the Tower taking you on a fascinating journey through the ages.
29.	Southampton Guildhall have been nominated in this years' Live UK Award for Best Venue Teamwork (Theatre/Concert Hall). The nomination was made by a customer to the venue.
30.	The Right Worshipful Mayor of Southampton, Councillor Peter Baillie, lead the ancient Beating the Bounds and Court Leet ceremonies on 1 October. Both ceremonies date back at least 800 years and take place in Southampton every year on the first Tuesday after Michaelmas. As part of the ceremony, the Mayor, Town Crier and Town Sergeant together with pupils from x school walked from the Civic Centre to the Bargate and then to the town walls at Western Esplanade where the Beating of the Bounds took place.
31.	Southampton City Art Gallery has become one of only two organisations nationally to win funding to become part of the National Gallery's 2019 Traineeship programme. Supported by the Art Fund with assistance of Vivmar Foundation, the programme provides the opportunity for an individual to undertake six-month curatorial skills training at the National Gallery in London, followed by a placement at a non-London partner museum to work on a project that sheds new light on the historic paintings within the partner venue's collection. Following a competitive recruitment process with over 450 applications and two rounds of interviews, Sotonian and Council employee Gemma Craig, one of the front of house team within Cultural Services, has successfully secured one of the two placements and began her traineeship at the National Gallery in September.
32.	Over 250 people attended the opening event of the Beyond the Brotherhood: The Pre-Raphaelite Legacy exhibition at Southampton City Art Gallery on 17 October, despite terrible weather on the day of the event. This major exhibition highlights the importance of the Pre-Raphaelite movement and its influence on contemporary art and culture, as seen in the fantastical imagery of Lord of the Rings and Game of Thrones.
33.	Southampton City Gallery has been invited to be the next Museum Partner at the London Art Fair which takes place from 22-26 January 2020. This prestigious international annual event showcases the best of modern and contemporary art for people to discover and buy, with around 23,000 visitors during the week. Following its 80 th anniversary in 2019, the exhibition <i>Gallery 80: From Generous Beginnings to Lasting Legacies</i> , will highlight Southampton City Art Gallery's outstanding collection of modern British and contemporary art, which are considered to be amongst the finest in the UK

	outside of London; earning 'Designated' status from Arts Council England in 1998.
34.	On 21 September, a new exhibition at Tudor House & Garden started displaying an array of finds uncovered by Southampton City Council's Archaeology Unit during recent excavation on Queensway in advance of the Bargate Quarter development. The archaeological dig has revealed over 2000 years of Southampton's history. The earliest find dates from the Iron Age, c200BC, followed by evidence of a settlement in the late Roman period. The exhibition is on display until 23 February 2020.
35.	Southampton City Council's Archaeology Team have discovered the foundations of what could be the first church ever built in Southampton at the site of St Mary's Church. As a result of the discovery, the University of Southampton's Department of Archaeology plan to carry out a geophysical survey in the churchyard to see if the rest of the building can be located.
36.	Balfour Beatty Living Places, Southampton City Council's Highways Partner have installed new street art on Guildhall Square in the heart of Southampton's Cultural Quarter. The street art project is the result of a collaboration between Southampton City Council's Highways and Cultural Services teams and the John Hansard Gallery. The art was created by pupils from Southampton schools that took part in a competition by John Hansard Gallery and Southampton City Council earlier this year.
37.	<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"> • 21-22 September – Hampshire Food and Drink Emporium – A new event in Hoglands Park which featured some of the best street food, drinks and local artists. • 23 September - 6 October – Foodie Fortnight – the two week event that enabled people eat out for less in the city centre. • 27 September – Summertime Live Ibiza Classics - Event in Hoglands Park and featuring an orchestra playing classic anthems from Ibiza. • 28 September – Docklands – Event in Hoglands Park featuring drum and bass acts as well as dance music, with popular DJs Pete Tong, Patrick Topping and Andy C performed. • 28-29 September – Music in the City - Over 100 artists performed over the weekend, with venues packed out with music lovers enjoying this free event. • 12 October – Let's Ride Pop Up – traffic-free cycling for all ages, held at Riverside Park. • 24-26 October – Oktoberfest – the traditional German Oktoberfest celebration returned to Guildhall Square. • 30 October – Halloween trail at St. James' Park – for the second year in a row the Friends of St. James' Park hosted a Halloween trail. • 27 October – Raver Tots – the UK's biggest family rave and festival brand where kids and grownups can hit the dancefloor in Guildhall Square.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 November – Testlands Hub Fireworks – a fun family firework event held at Testlands Hub in Millbrook. • 3 November – Poppy Run Southampton – fundraising run to help Armed Forces veterans • 8 November – Fire Walk – Adrenaline fuelled hot coal walking event to raise money for Countess Mountbatten Hospice, held in Guildhall Square. • 16-17 November – God’s House Tower Calling – a weekend of fun to celebrate God’s House Tower being gifted back to the people of Southampton, with exhibitions, workshops, music, film and song and dance.
	A MODERN, SUSTAINABLE COUNCIL
38.	Since 1 October, all Southampton City Council commercial buildings were using 100% green electricity. This switch to renewable energy will remove nearly 7,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO2) from the environment annually.
39.	Southampton City Council City Services department have been successful in securing a tender award with Go! Southampton to provide subsidised recycling collections to levy payers and drive growth for the Commercial Waste & Recycling service in the City Centre.
40.	Southampton City Council went live with its new Business World system on 1 October, integrating how Southampton City Council orders goods and services, invoice, collect money and how employees are paid and request holiday. Thanks go to all Officers involved in the implementation and roll out of this new system for their hard work and dedication to improving the city council’s services.
41.	Southampton City Council has received a Certificate of Achievement from the Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply for Southampton City Council’s decision to adopt the Charter Against Modern Slavery.
42.	Southampton City Council’s Housing Services has achieved accreditation with the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA), which is a testament to the hard work of all staff in this area.
43.	Congratulations to Heather White, Service Manager – Bereavement on becoming President of the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management 2019. Heather will represent both the ICCM and the council develop and promote best practices in cemeteries and crematoria, continuing as Service Manager whilst she carries out her presidential duties over the coming year.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
44.	None
<u>Property/Other</u>	
45.	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	

46.	As defined in the report appropriate to each section
Other Legal Implications:	
47.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
48.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
49.	None

KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
<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