

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	COUNCIL
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	14 SEPTEMBER 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 20 July 2022 to 14 September 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.	This summer we provided various challenges, fun activities, and community events across Southampton. The Summer Reading Challenge, from July to September, encouraged families with children to read six books together over the summer holidays. Those who read six or more received a certificate, a sustainable medal, and the opportunity to meet the Lord Mayor. There was also the Lifelong Learning team running over 140 fun family activities across Southampton City Art Gallery, SeaCity Museum and Tudor House & Gardens. There was messy clay making, themed craft activities, history walking tours and all-day children's clubs.
5.	Towards the end of summer in August, the community came together at the Southampton Welcomes Breastfeeding Picnic to celebrate World

	Breastfeeding Week. This was a brilliant event dedicated to the protection, promotion and support of women breastfeeding in public. Southampton Welcomes Breastfeeding Scheme offers advice and parenting support during free weekly breastfeeding support groups in Southampton. The scheme also encourages businesses to sign up and pledge to become a breastfeeding welcome venue, helping to further support mothers to meet their babies needs.
6.	It is wonderful to announce that Hope Community School, Mount Pleasant Junior School and Redbridge Primary School achieved a Healthy High 5 certificate for their commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of their pupils and were invited to a celebration event at the Mayor's Parlour. They were presented with their award and a certificate.
7.	After a massive effort from a wide range of people, the first ever all-through School in Southampton, St. Mark's Church of England School has been completed. The project forms part of Southampton City Council's drive to meet the need of its growing population by creating a further 1,500 new secondary school spaces in the central region of the city by 2023. Additionally, a new sports building has also been located centrally within the site which will serve both the primary and secondary school pupils.
	<b>Safety</b>
8.	To improve the safety of our streets, the School Travel team has implemented six new School Street trials to improve safety around the school gate for pupils, their families, and local residents, with a further four trials from September. School Streets turn roads into pedestrian/cycle zones at pick-up and drop-off times, which means through traffic and parent traffic is removed. This can improve air quality, reduce illegal/inconsiderate parking, and reduce the risk of road traffic collisions. School Streets also encourage more active travel by creating a safe space for people to walk, cycle or scoot.
9.	The City's Safe Places Network is developing well. Organisations in this Network offer refuge for any adult or young person who feels vulnerable whilst out in public. Places now include the council's museums and libraries. Individuals can carry a Safe Places card which contains the names and contact details of relatives or friends who can be called upon for help when they have reached a safe place.
10.	The Council was successful in the fourth round of the Safer Streets funding bid to the Home Office (via the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner). This secured funding of £645,645 will support us to tackle violence against women and girls, anti-social behaviour, and neighbourhood crimes.
11.	A decision taken by officers using urgency delegated powers has been taken in order for the Council to apply for and receive Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment funding. I am delighted to confirm that the council will receive funding over the next 2 years to support our work around Substance Misuse within the Rough Sleeping Community.
	<b>Green</b>
12.	Six parks in Southampton have been awarded the prestigious Green Flag Award, the international quality mark for parks and green spaces across the UK. The award-winning parks are Central Parks, St James' Park, Portswood Rec, Riverside Park and two new parks awarded in 2022; Freemantle Lake

	Park and Town Quay Park. These awards are a testament to the hard work and dedication of the staff, volunteers and residents that provide great spaces for everyone to enjoy all year round.
13.	Southampton City Art Gallery is hosting a fantastic and free exhibition by the artist Kurt Jackson, called Biodiversity. Drawing inspiration from across the country including the New Forest, Jackson's artwork reflects the amazingly biodiverse world we live in and shows the vital interdependence of the lifeforms and landscapes which make up our local environment. The proceeds of one of the artworks sold was gifted to Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIOWT) which helped to develop our Council's relationship with HIOWT around the Green City Charter.
14.	The My Journey Sustainable Transport Team ran a series of cycle activities for children in the summer holidays, with 'Ditch the Stabilisers' sessions to teach children how to cycle. The team ran 2 sessions of progression 'Cycle Skills' activities on the Common, teaching bike handling skills using a fun and engaging obstacle course. Around 40-45 individual children attended the sessions. In addition, My Journey attended community events throughout the summer and provided a Bike Doctor, focusing on areas of higher deprivation, as well as providing balance bike try-out sessions for children at Play Day in Hoglands Park, Love Where You Live event in Harefield and Get Active days in Mansel Park.
	<b>Affordable</b>
15.	Many of the summer events across the City have been accessible for our residents, including the special summer fete hosted by Tudor House & Gardens on 30 July. This fete celebrated 110 years of opening to the public as a museum. The entrance fee was reduced to the equivalent of the 6p price when it first opened. The day comprised lots of activities such as free fairy trail, face painting, wand-making sessions and more. This was a successful community day, and we look forward to making next year even better. This formed part of many free cultural activities within Southampton, hosted by the council and other cultural organisations.
16.	Southampton City Council partnered with three local bus operators to offer a discount on group tickets: giving up to five people bus travel around the city all day for just £5. The offer made travelling around the city more affordable for families and groups attending events and exploring the city during the summer. It covered the school holidays and enabled more people to choose greener travel options.
17.	On the 4th of July, the new British Library supported Business and IP Centre (BIPC) opened at Central Library. With grants from British Library, the first floor of the library has transformed into a hub for local entrepreneurs to find free good quality information and business support on their journey to launch new ventures in Southampton. In the first 4 weeks over 30 residents received 1-2-1 support from Southampton Library Business Information Advisers in finding grant and business start-up funding, information on markets and how to create realistic business plans.
18.	Southampton Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme has been continuing to offer valuable support to families on lower incomes, giving them the opportunity to access rewarding and active activities alongside healthy meals over the school holidays. This summer the HAF programme in

	Southampton was enhanced to provide a wider range of activities at 53 sites from over 40 providers across the city. At all activities, children have been able to enjoy a free, nutritious and balanced meal alongside education and guidance on healthy eating to help promote a more positive lifestyle.
	<b>Pride</b>
19.	As part of hosting games for the incredible UEFA Women's Euros, Southampton has delivered an amazing cultural and legacy programme for the city. There were exhibitions exploring the history of women's football on the High Street and another at Sea City Museum called "On the ball: Women trailblazers." Well done to everyone involved in hosting this historic event. The feedback from fans and national media was extremely positive.
20.	In August, we hosted the annual Southampton Pride Festival event at Guildhall square to celebrate Southampton's LGBTQ+ community. This free family-friendly event had free food, drink, 60+ acts and parades through the city centre for everyone in Southampton to participate in and enjoy. This was a fantastic event celebrating the diversity and inclusion of our city.
21.	This September we look forward to the return of the Southampton International Boat Show. Ticket sales are back to pre-covid levels which is hugely encouraging and so we are expecting the event to attract more than 100,000 visitors over the 10 days.
22.	It was great to see the "Love Where You Live" Event come to Harefield on 18 August 2022. This was a community engagement event with family-friendly activities, games, inflatables, music, and arts and crafts. There was also a Litter Picking Marathon with prizes for all those who participated. The success of the event is an example of how we can continue to work to enhance community spirit and cohesion.
<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
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
<b>Appendices</b>	
1.	None
<b>Documents In Members' Rooms</b>	
1.	None
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>	
<b>Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.</b>	No
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	
<b>Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.</b>	No
<b>Other Background Documents</b>	
<b>Other Background documents available for inspection at:</b>	
<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