

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT		
DATE OF DECISION:	16 November 2022		
REPORT OF:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None.	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
This report outlines the Executive Business conducted since 20 July 2022.	
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.	This report outlines the activity of the Executive and activities to progress the priorities.
	Family
4.	After a huge collaborative effort, 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 the primary and secondary school pupils as well as the local community.
5.	We have engaged with more than a thousand children as a part of preparations for Southampton's Discovery Day. This involved more than 700 qualitative interviews with children, facilitated by the Stronger Communities team. This is the first step to achieving UNICEF Child Friendly City Accreditation. The findings will influence the direction of travel for the next stage, the Delivery Phase.
6.	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 baby's needs.
7.	It is wonderful to announce that Hope Community School, Mount Pleasant Junior School and Redbridge Primary School achieved a Healthy High 5

	<p>certificate for their commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of their pupils. They were invited to a celebration event at the Mayor's Parlour to be presented with their award and a certificate.</p>
8.	<p>At the end of September, we ran our second ever "Love our Children" week during which - as corporate parents - we took the opportunity to celebrate and appreciate children in our care and care-experienced young adults. The week included positive relationships awards, food events, a football match and cinema night for children, as well as workshops and guest speakers for our children's services teams to boost our good practice and highlight our corporate parenting commitments. As part of the week, we launched the Young People's Hub, a fantastic new area in the Civic Centre where we can practically support young people that we are working with.</p>
	<p>Safety</p>
9.	<p>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.</p>
10.	<p>At the end of September, we launched the Safer Neighbourhood Fund. This is aimed at supporting community and voluntary organisations to help create safer communities and safer streets. This fund will help to tackle everything from anti-social behaviour to preventing violence against women and girls. The fund will also support our young people in the city through funding safer spaces and opportunities to help them get a good start in life.</p>
11.	<p>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.</p>
12.	<p>A decision taken by officers using urgent 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. This funding will ensure that we are able to support our residents so that our most vulnerable can lead safer lives.</p>
14.	<p>A new school street trial has begun at Bassett Green Primary School, with two more trials at Swaythling Primary and Bitterne Manor Primary ready to get underway. That takes the number of school streets across Southampton to 19. The School Streets programme is creating safer spaces outside local schools. Popular with participating schools, it reduces the risk of road traffic collisions, reduces illegal and inconsiderate parking, as well as improving air quality by encouraging more active travel.</p>
	<p>Green</p>
15.	<p>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</p>

	<p>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.</p>
16.	<p>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.</p>
17.	<p>The My Journey Sustainable Transport Team have been working tirelessly to promote green and sustainable travel across Southampton. In the summer holidays, the team ran a series of cycle activities for children, 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.</p>
18.	<p>Through the Transforming Cities Fund programme, the Council has worked with the UHS-NHS Trust to launch the new Park and Ride site at Adanac Park which will promote more sustainable travel across areas of Southampton. A new multi storey car park has opened at the site for use by Hospital staff to reduce parking pressures around the Southampton General Hospital campus. The bus route linking the two sites now benefits from over £4.5m of investment into congestion reduction and dedicated bus priority measures to ensure quick and reliable journey times for our key workers.</p>
	<p>Affordable</p>
19.	<p>Southampton is striving to be an inclusive and affordable city. Therefore, it gives me great pride that we have hosted so many affordable events for our families and residents. The Tudor House and Gardens drastically reduced their entry fee as it celebrated 110 years of opening to the public as a museum. The day comprised lots of activities such as face painting, wand-making sessions and more. The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme was also enhanced to provide a wider range of activities at 53 sites from over 40 providers across the city. At all activities, children enjoyed a free, nutritious and balanced meal alongside education and guidance on healthy eating to help promote a more positive lifestyle. Our libraries hosted several affordable activities in the celebration of Libraries Week such as knitting workshops, local history talks, and even a book tour from local author Traci Carroll. The Summer Reading Challenge, from July to September, was also a fun and affordable activity which encouraged families with children to read six books together over the summer holidays. Those who read six books</p>

	or more received a certificate, a sustainable medal, and the opportunity to meet the Lord Mayor.
20.	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. Local bus operators and Southampton City Council continued the 5 for £5 offer until the end of October on weekends.
21.	The Beryl Bike share scheme was formally launched on 6 th October, providing more affordable and sustainable travel for Southampton. Beryl bikes and e-bikes are available to rent using a smartphone app. The bikes are located in designated parking zones across Southampton. Benefits to residents will include affordable access to a convenient and healthy mode of transport, ideal for local leisure and work journeys. The bike-share scheme will be integrated with Solent Transport's Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS) 'Breeze' app, which encourages residents and visitors to combine cycling, walking, e-scooters and public transport as an alternative to car use and is the latest in a series of Solent Future Transport Zone initiatives.
22.	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.
	Pride
23.	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.
24.	It brings immense pride that in Southampton, we have held several events that celebrate our residents and city. 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, more than 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. We also hosted the fourteenth edition of the 'Music in the City', music event which took place across the city in September spanning 26 venues. With the tag line 'music in unusual places', I was so pleased that some of our cultural and historic venues were used, including Holyrood Church, King John's Palace, Lankester Vault, Undercroft Vault and the Art Gallery. Throughout October, we celebrated Black History Month. A highlight of the month was the Arts Council Funded project, exploring Southampton's links with the transatlantic

	slave trade. This has culminated in a co-created display titled <i>Sugar, Politics and Money</i> , which was shown at the SeaCity Museum as part of the Southampton Stories exhibition.
25.	It was great to see the “Love Where You Live” Event come to Harefield on the 18 th August 2022. The event focussed upon supporting local communities to improve their pride in their local area. This was evidenced by residents who enjoyed a Litter Picking Marathon with prizes for all those who participated. The community engagement event also had family-friendly activities, games, inflatables, music, and arts and crafts. The success of the event is an example of how we can continue to work to enhance community spirit, cohesion and pride of place.
26.	I can confirm that Riverside Park has been awarded as a Local Favourite Park in the ‘UK’s Favourite Park Awards’. It’s great to receive this national recognition, putting Southampton on the map. This award had been given to 364 parks across the UK. With Riverside Park achieving ‘Local Favourite’ status, this demonstrates the value of the park to visitors and local residents.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
	None.
<u>Property/Other</u>	
	None.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
	As defined in the report appropriate to each section.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
	None.
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
	None.
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
	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.