

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	EXECUTIVE BUSINESS		
DATE OF DECISION:	16 SEPTEMBER 2015		
REPORT OF:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
This report outlines Executive Business conducted since the last report to Council on 15 th July 2015.	
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)	
2.	<p>This report highlights the contribution of different portfolios towards the Council's priorities since the last Full Council meeting on 15th July 2015. Appendix 1 provides a progress update on the Executive Commitments agreed by Full Council in November 2014. I am pleased to note that of the 50 Executive Commitments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32 have been achieved • 18 are work in progress and on target to be achieved • 19 are now business as usual <p>I gave a commitment in 2013 that we would consult our residents on our priorities in 2015. Residents were invited to provide feedback on Council priorities and some services being provided through collaboration with voluntary and community organisations. The feedback from 1600 people will inform future planning as well as a refresh of the Council Strategy.</p>
JOBS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE	
3.	The success of Southampton apprentices was recognised at a special premiere of a film on apprenticeships in the city, which was held at the Harbour Lights Picture House in July 2015. This film showcases the benefits of apprenticeships in the city; it also provides young people with the key information they need at the transition stages of their education. The film was produced by Chapelgate Films and features real people, real jobs and real

	experiences that young people can associate with. It is hoped it will spark conversations between them and their parents, teachers, tutors and careers advisors.
4.	Following a recent Ofsted inspection visit to one of our early years and childcare providers, I am pleased that just over 89% of our childcare providers on non-domestic premises (which includes day nurseries and pre-schools) were judged to be 'good' or better. This compares with 87% nationally. In addition, just under 85% of our childminders were judged to be at least 'good' in their last Ofsted inspection, which is above the national average of 84%. These figures are based on the individual inspections of all early years and childcare providers up until June 30 th 2015 and is a testament to the hard work of all involved.
5.	Schools in the city have now received their GCSE results. Provisional analysis indicates that Southampton's achievement of 5+ A*-C including English and Maths GCSEs for 2015 will be 52%. This is a slight improvement on the 2014 results.
	PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION
6.	Apprentices from Housing Services and their managers carried out a complete garden makeover for supported housing residents at Orpen Road on 16 July 2015. The teams worked hard to raise old garden beds and install new planters and furniture to make it easier for the estate's residents to maintain the garden themselves. Construction materials were generously donated by a local business, CJR Glass and Wolseley.
	PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE
7.	On 18 th August 2015, Cabinet gave approval to start consultation on two interlinked proposals to develop an Integrated Service for Crisis Response, Rehabilitation, Reablement and Hospital Discharge. The proposals are in response to the Better Care Plan approved by Cabinet in January 2014, and the vision is to achieve significant benefits in the system. This includes creating a person-centred and integrated client experience, providing coordinated care and improved efficiencies and reducing spend across the health and social care system by reducing future demand by helping people regain and maintain their independence.
8.	The proposals have two phases: the first will bring together the functions associated with crisis response, rehabilitation, reablement and, later, hospital discharge, managed by the Council and Solent NHS. This will provide a seamless response for the service user. This phase has the potential to have an impact on staffing across both organisations, but will not impact on the type, service delivery location or total range of services available to clients.
9.	The second phase will bring about a reconfiguration of rehabilitation and reablement beds. The aim is to meet the needs of the clients through a more appropriate and cost effective balance of bed-based and domiciliary care services that meet clients' needs, deliver better outcomes and achieve better use of resources. There will be implications for the future location of Council staff in rehabilitation/ reablement and respite in-house services, and may impact on a number of Council posts and on how services are delivered.
10.	In August 2015, the Health and Wellbeing Board, in conjunction with the Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) launched a Mental Health Matters paper for widespread community and stakeholder

	engagement. This sets out proposals for mental health services in the city and details how service users, experts-by-experience, carers, clinical staff, voluntary and third sector organisations can help us to redesign services.
11.	Following a successful mental health event held in late 2014, patients, carers, clinical staff and other interested parties, told us that they would welcome a 'blank page' approach to enable them to input into the design of services right from the beginning. In response to this, the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Council and the CCG are reaching out to people across the city in an exercise which started at the beginning August 2015. We are encouraging the public to share their views with us by 30 September 2015, details of how to do this are included within the Mental Health Matters document available on the Council's and CCG's web pages.
12.	This engagement initiative coincides with other planned activities around World Mental Health Day on 10 October being spearheaded by the Health & Wellbeing Board's mental health champions Councillor Paul Lewzey and Rob Kurn from Healthwatch Southampton and Southampton Voluntary Services. It is the Executive's intention to formally propose Councillor Lewzey as the Council's Mental Health Champion.
	GOOD QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING
13.	We have started the process of updating the Local Plan and are planning for continuing growth so that Southampton can keep attracting businesses, investment, jobs and new homes. The aim is to accommodate this growth, plan for the transport, flood risk and other infrastructure needed, promote a high quality design and protect the environment and open spaces. The new Local Plan will set the amount and type of development needed in the city to 2036 and will also be used to assess planning applications across Southampton. A consultation is now underway and runs until 16 th October 2015, seeking the views of residents, businesses and other key stakeholders across the city on future development in Southampton. This feedback will inform the draft Plan which is currently timetabled for consultation in Autumn 2016.
14.	Our Housing Services Annual Report Summary for 2014- 2015 has been published and is accompanied by a film, comprising the views of tenants and which can be found online. 2014/15 was a busy and successful year for Housing Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1.9 million has been spent on Decent Neighbourhood projects and 51,403 repairs have been carried out • 919 kitchens were refurbished and 1,092 bathrooms replaced • 60% of the ideas for local improvement projects were tenant-led, up from 40% last year, including a block cleaning initiative Young people have also been actively involved in improving their areas with 152 Junior Neighbourhood Wardens completing 35 community projects.
15.	In addition, the Council has launched a weekly radio programme on Housing on the community radio station Unity 101 FM, at 4.30pm on Thursdays. This is to encourage views from residents and also provides news from the Council's Housing staff about topics such as repairs DIY advice, Universal Credit and energy efficiency improvements in the home.
	SERVICES FOR ALL

16.	On 18 th August 2015 Cabinet approved the next stage in the journey of the transformation of the Library Service. Cabinet approved 'Option D', which involves retaining six libraries under council control: Central, Shirley, Bitterne, Woolston, Portswood and Lordshill, as well as operating the School Library Service. The Council is committed to working with voluntary and community organisations who aspire to run the remaining libraries on a voluntary basis with the support of a community package from the Council. OSMC have "called in" the Cabinet's decision for consideration on 10 th September before it returns to Cabinet for consideration of OMSC's recommendations on 15 th September.
17.	The libraries consultation spanned 14 weeks from 28 th November 2014 to 6 th March 2015. There were 7,706 responses in total across the online and paper questionnaire, children and young people's survey and written submissions. The response was very good and represents the largest response to any Southampton public consultation in recent years. 53% of the feedback supported Option D, which was the option approved by the Council.
	CITY PRIDE
18.	It has been an outstanding year for the Music Hub and its impressive work has been recognised by the Arts Council as an interesting case study for other hubs across the country. The Music Hub has changed its delivery model this year and has taken a needs based approach to offering services to young people, in tandem with a community approach across the city. So far this year the Music Hub has reached over 5,000 children in 98% of Southampton schools. In addition to weekly lessons, young people have taken part in 76 concerts, 77 workshops and tours and over 64 hours of Continuous Professional Development have been delivered. All in all, 2015 has been an outstanding year for the Music Hub.
19.	In July 2015 Southampton was used as a positive case study at a national Sports Leadership Conference, with the Director of British Cycling describing our Sky Ride event as a perfect example of how things should be done. This year's event took place on 19 th July 2015 and was attended by 11,000 cyclists. The event encourage increased participation from those new to cycling and hard to reach groups. British Cycling rate Southampton's Sky Ride as one of the best in the country and are keen to return in 2016.
20.	It has continued to be a successful summer of events, attracting many residents and visitors to the city. The 'Let's Rock' event on 11th July attracted more than 12,000 people, who danced the night away on Southampton Common. The organisers have already indicated that they would like to return to the city again next year. The Southampton Play Day took place in Hoglands Park on 24 th July 2015 and attracted families from all over the city. This was followed by the Big Fun Run on 26 th July 2015; this five kilometre run took place on Southampton Common and the organisers have vowed to come back next year. VJ Day was also recognised and the Mayor laid a commemorative wreath at the Cenotaph to mark the 70 th anniversary of Victory in Japan Day.
21.	I am delighted that a brand new Christmas festival will be introduced to Southampton this year and will open on 14 th November 2015 and run until 23 rd December 2015. New specially made alpine chalets will house the market, which will include traditional arts, crafts and gift stalls as well as authentic German food and beverages. Musicians have been booked to play

	every day and there will also be a flying Santa, presented by high wire artist Falko Traber, who holds several high wire records. This brand new market is organised by WELA Märkte and will attract residents and visitors to the city.
	A SUSTAINABLE COUNCIL
22.	Work has been continuing to develop initial proposals regarding devolved powers and responsibilities from central government. The Statement of Intent from councils in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was submitted on 31 st July 2015 and this marked the start of the Partnership's formal negotiations with Government, committing us to submit more detailed proposals by the 4 th September 2015. A detailed report on this matter is on the agenda for this meeting.
23.	The Council has been selected by Communities and Local Government (CLG) as one of 24 pilot areas for trialling new and innovative ways of publishing statutory notices. The trial runs until the end of September 2015. This portal brings together Licensing and Highways (road closure) notices and allows users to sign up to receive email and/or text alerts when new notices are published.
24.	A new joint finance and procurement initiative has been introduced to improve the way in which goods are purchased in order to create greater efficiencies. The 'No Purchase Order, No Pay' policy applies to all staff except those based in schools and means that all goods and services must now be ordered using an approved Purchase Order. This change will help save money through smarter procurement, improved financial management, faster processing of invoices and greater third party spending visibility across the Council.
25.	The Council's Energy Team have received praise from external auditors for managing the Council's Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC), under which we have to report the Council's annual gas and electricity consumption, keep detailed records and pay carbon allowances. They also noted that there are good relationships across the Council which facilitate the quick and efficient compilation of data for the Annual Report.
26.	During August 2015 the Council launched its mobile working project. Officers within Housing Services can now use smart phones and tablets to record and check information and make decisions while they are out on site. This new way of working will provide a better service to our customers and improve efficiency and effectiveness. Officers will be equipped with the latest technology as part of the Council's digital improvements. This will mean, for example, that our repairs staff can now use tablet computers to record jobs online while they are out, rather than returning to the depot to find out about the next job and Income Officers can assist tenants with applying for benefits online.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
27.	N/A
<u>Property/Other</u>	
28.	N/A
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:	
29.	As defined in the report appropriate to each decision.
Other Legal Implications:	
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
30.	Council Plan 2014-2017

KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	Executive Commitments - progress update
Documents In Members' Rooms	
1.	None
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	No
Other Background Documents	
Equality Impact Assessment and 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