

BURSLEDON, HAMBLE-LE-RICE AND HOUND LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Thursday, 25 July 2019

ANNUAL UPDATE REPORT

Report of the Local Area Manager

Recommendation

It is recommended that the committee considers and comments on the content of this report.

Summary

This report highlights the main areas of work undertaken by the Bursledon, Hamble-le-Rice and Hound (BHH) Local Area Committee in 2018/19.

Statutory Powers

Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 i.e. the Local Authority's general power of competence, including power to act for the benefit of its area or persons resident or present in its area.

Strategic Implications

1. The Committee's work contributes to the achievement of the Council's Corporate Plan and the corporate themes. The focus of the Committee meetings is the consideration of planning applications which totalled 12 in 2018/19. The projects and service level agreements that are outlined in Appendix 1 also highlight the Committee's contribution towards a Healthy Community, a Green Borough and a Prosperous Place. The strategic Local First project is also significant as local need is reflected in these projects and also within the grants that are given to local youth and community groups. The Committee's local area action plan highlights the importance of partnerships.

Introduction

2. This report provides an outline of the work undertaken by the BHH LAC for the period 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019. Statistical details can be found in Appendix 1 with further description in Appendix 2.

Financial Implications

3. There are no ongoing revenue implications associated with this report. Any ongoing issues related to the items discussed will be reported to Committee separately.

Risk Assessment

4. There are no identifiable risks attached to these proposals which should be brought to the attention of the Local Area Committee and Council. Any ongoing issues related to the items discussed will be reported to Committee separately.

Equality and Diversity Implications

5. The Equality Act is not relevant to the decision in this report as the decision does not relate to eliminating discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity, or fostering good relations between different people. An Equality Impact Assessment has not been carried out.

Conclusion

6. Councillors are invited to consider this report.

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Appendices Attached: Appendix 1 – BHH Annual Review 2018/19 - Statistics
Appendix 2 – BHH Annual Review 2018/19 -
Commentary

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100D

The following is a list of documents which disclose facts or matters on which this report or an important part of it is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. This list does not include any published works or documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information.

List Background Papers - None.

APPENDIX 1

BHH ANNUAL REVIEW 2018-19 - STATISTICS

(REVIEW PERIOD 1 APRIL 2018 – 31 MARCH 2019)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2018-19

Number of Committee meetings convened	6
Average member attendance	5.67/6
Additional Members' meetings	7
Public participation (speakers in Committee)	34

AGENDA ANALYSIS

Planning applications considered	12
Other reports	12
Exempt items	0

REPORTS ADOPTED

Financial Management	4
Traffic Regulation Orders and Transport Related Issues	2
Community Grants 2018/19	2
Street Trading	2
BHH Local Area Action Plan	1
Community Investment Programme	1

REVENUE GRANTS AWARDED

Revenue grants for local community projects	9
Revenue value	£3,000

ANNUAL SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS (SLAs) – reviewed/renewed

Teenage Drop-In Centre	£2,400
Parksport – summer holiday activities	£2,000

APPROVED NON ROUTINE PROJECTS - £1,000+

Coronation Parade (Developer Contributions)	£191,143
Hamble Sports Complex (Developer Contributions)	£125,000
Bartletts Field Play Area (Developer Contributions)	£14,734
Cricket Camp (Developer Contributions)	£12,100
Woodlands Play Area (Developer Contributions)	£12,000
Long Lane Play Area (Developer Contributions)	£16,500
Long Lane Health Walks (Developer Contributions)	£3,000
Pilands Wood Health Walks (Developer Contributions)	£3,500
Netley Sea Scouts heating improvements (Developer Contributions)	£5,500
Netley Nibbles (Revenue)	£5,000
Bursledon Autism Group (Revenue)	£1,000
TOTAL	£389,477

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Capital expenditure – actual for 18/19	£380,848*
Revenue expenditure – actual for 18/19	£644,892*
Total Revenue reserve	£137,293*

*Provisional figures

APPENDIX 2

BHH Review 2018/19 - Commentary

2018/19 has been a very busy year for BHH with some notable successes but also some significant learning opportunities. The following gives a brief review of the main pieces of work.

Local Area Action Plan

At the end of 2018/19 all five Eastleigh Borough Local Area Committees were tasked to produce a Local Area Action Plan for 2019/20. This formed part of wider Council approach to strategy. BHH identified the following priorities for 2019/20:

- Major planning applications - Maximise community benefit from current sites at Bursledon Car-Boot site, Kingfisher Grange, Monarchs Keep.
- Mercury Hub – ensure the Service Level Agreement with Hamble Parish is effective.
- Bursledon Station car-park improvements – feasibility study
- Public Art plan for the peninsula
- Air quality review and Travel Plan for the Peninsula
- Investigate the introduction of a youth partnership

Progress with these objectives will be reported in 2019/20's annual review.

Community Governance Review (CGR)

During 2018/19 the Borough Council undertook a review of the Parish boundaries within the Borough. The Parishes put proposals forward to reflect changing needs within the area which the Borough then considered. There were significant changes to the Parishes in BHH as follows:

- The area of Bursledon Parish to the north of the M27 moved to Hedge End Town Council (it does remain within the BHH LAC boundary however and BHH will continue to support those residents).
- The Old Netley area (up to the Windhover Roundabout) of Hound Parish moved to Bursledon Parish.
- The Hamble Parish boundary moved slightly north to encompass the whole of Hamble School/Satchell Ln.

More details can be found on the Borough's website.

Youth Services

In 2018/19 Hampshire County Council funded the charity, Youth Options, to provide outreach youth services within the BHH area on three nights per week. In recent years BHH and the three parish councils have subsidised this service as it is a local priority but this year the additional funding was not required. However due to local importance we have had regular meetings with Youth Options and the police to ensure that local knowledge and intelligence was shared and we have built an excellent working relationship.

In 2019/20 the County funding has been reduced. In effect this would have meant a reduction from three to two nights per week. However when this was announced in February 2019, BHH and the three Parishes agreed to subsidise the service at a cost of almost £3000 per organisation. It is hoped that this work will support the local priority of investigating a youth partnership.

BHH once again provided a grant of £2000 to support the Parksport at Hamble School in the summer. This is the Borough's sport and activities program for local 8-16 year olds in the summer holiday break. BHH and parish funding enables the cost to be heavily subsidised sessions at £1 per person per session. Sessions include sailing, football, skateboard coaching, netball and cricket. BHH will continue to support this excellent project in 2019/20 when it enters its 15th year.

Antisocial behaviour became a significant issue in Hamble in the summer with young people jumping off the Hampshire County pontoon during the hot weather. This put them in danger and they were allegedly intimidating other foreshore users when challenged. The LAM worked with the Eastleigh's Safety and Resilience Manager, Hamble Parish and the Hampshire Constabulary to produce some options. A Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) was identified as the best option and work was carried out with a view to implementation. Unfortunately at a late stage it was identified that the Borough did not have an up to date policy in place on PSPOs so this proposal was not able to be taken forward. The group is reviewing the most appropriate way forward.

In addition to this work BHH provided a grant of £2,400 to the Teenage Drop in Centre (TADIC), a service that provides sexual health advice to teenager and young people. This is based at Bursledon Surgery at the Lowford Centre on a Monday evening between 3pm and 5pm.

Grants

BHH have traditionally provided a revenue budget of £3,000 for grants to support local community groups. There is a maximum amount of £500 per grant. In 2018/19, nine different groups benefitted from this support. These have varied from £200 to Hamble-le-Rice Flower Club to help commemorate local men who died in World War I, to £250 for St Pauls Church to run an Easter holiday club.

BHH welcome applications from local groups at any time of the year and encourage applications from groups that haven't applied before.

Developers Contributions

Where larger developments are given planning permission, the Council negotiates so called 'Developer Contributions' (DCs). These are significant sums of capital that are allocated to mitigate the impact of the development. DCs are negotiated to cover issues such as education and transport which are County controlled, but also to support community infrastructure projects, open space/play areas and public art which are controlled by BHH. Many of the projects below are at least part funded by DCs.

In the BHH area the majority of public land has been transferred to the Parish Councils. The DCs mean that the Borough can fund both BHH and Parish projects

that support the local community. There are restrictions on their use, particularly that the money goes towards projects that can justifiably be said to serve the development which provided the DC.

In 2018/19 BHH allocated almost £400,000 of DC to local projects, including play areas, health walks and public art.

Hamble Sports Complex

The Hamble Leisure Complex forms part of the Hamble School Campus and is owned by Hampshire County Council. The school was responsible for the day to day management of the complex. Over the past 10 years the school has suffered from financial difficulties running up a budget deficit of £1.7million. A significant element of this deficit is due to the sports complex.

In order to reduce the deficit the County passed management of the sports complex to a specialist external partner who will utilise their greater expertise and economies of scale to reduce the deficit over a 15 year contract period.

In order to make the proposal viable, significant upfront capital investment (£350,000) in the facilities was required. This would include expansion of the gym and the provision of a new studio.

Hampshire County Council approached Eastleigh Borough Council requesting assistance with the capital contribution. The requested a grant of £125,000.

The Hamble Leisure Complex is the only such facility within the peninsula. Given its location at the school and its proximity to areas of relative deprivation such as Pilands Wood and parts of Netley, it is an important community asset and helps support Eastleigh Borough Council's priorities around community health within the BHH area.

For that reason BHH agreed to fund this work using future Developer Contributions. However in return it has required that the County, School and Everyone Active enter into a Community Use Agreement (CUA) to support issues such as youth and older people's services.

The updated gym has now been completed and the CUA is being drawn up.

The Mercury Library and Community Hub

The Mercury Library and Community Hub was completed earlier in the year, having suffered from delays due to bad weather and difficulties in completing services such as the Wi-Fi connection and electrics.

Working with our partners at Hamble Parish Council the library is now open six mornings per week, Monday to Saturday from 10am to 12 pm. The Parish organise a band of volunteers who give up their time run the hub. The library and the two meeting rooms can also be hired out for meetings, local groups, and presentations etc. until 8pm. There are 1500 books to borrow plus a book exchange. The Parish

have also provided a coffee machine for refreshments. There are already approximately 200 members signed up.

The two flats above the Library are due to be rented out. The Council is in negotiations with a landlord to do this as soon as possible.

Coronation Parade

The improvement works at Coronation Parade were well advanced by the end of 2018/9. This project was the culmination of a longstanding aspiration of BHH to improve the look of this key location at the entrance to Hamble Village. The opportunity to improve parking at the same time was taken. The work was funded through Developer Contributions and grants from Hamble Parish Council and Tesco Bags of Help.

The following improvements were delivered:

- Four additional parking spaces on Coach Road with 30 minute limited waiting.
- Environmental improvements, including new surfacing, walls, trees and lighting.
- Bespoke, decorative railings (the seagull design chosen by the local community).
- Level access to the butcher's shop and pharmacy.
- New bins (cycle racks are currently being sourced).

The project has suffered from significant delays and a full review of the reasons behind this is being undertaken.

An issue that came up during construction was the new level access to shops. Despite the walkway meeting minimum standards it became clear that in reality access for motorised scooters and wheelchairs is difficult. Physical restrictions meant that the ramp leading to the walkway could not be widened and there was insufficient space to install a ramp at the other end. Councillors have requested that a project to improve the access be undertaken as soon as possible in 2019.

Hamble Point Gun Emplacement

In late 2017 the concrete gun emplacement at Hamble Point started to collapse. BHH took urgent action to fence off this dangerous structure. However the question of its longer term future remained.

Quotes to repair the concrete revealed a likely cost of up to £50,000 (once project management costs have been factored in). This is beyond the capacity of BHH. As the concrete deteriorated further, BHH agreed to pay almost £1,500 to move the gun on top of the emplacement to a safe location in October 2018. However Historic England advised that to move the gun without permission is an offence and permission would not be granted without a plan to return it.

Given the Environment Agency policy for this area is not to intervene in coastal erosion, it seemed perverse to spend money on repairing the monument whilst being prevented from moving the most recognisable element of the monument. To that

effect BHH requested that the LAM write to the Ministers for the Environment and Culture for clarification. This has now been received and the LAM is currently in contact with Historic England to arrange for the gun to be removed.

Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs)

Every year each LAC is able to produce a list of TROs that may be required within the area. These restrictions are introduced for safety reasons. This year, following advice from the Transport and Engineering team at Eastleigh Borough Council, the following TROs were introduced:

- 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions in Oakhill.
- 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions in Beaulieu Road, Ensign Way and the junction of Ash Close and Oak Road.
- 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on Queens View and Moore Crescent.
- An amendment to the operating times of the proposal to introduce time-limited waiting in New Road.

In addition to these 'routine' TROs, BHH approved the formalisation of the Hound Road experimental TRO. This was implemented as a response to the use of Hound Road as parking for access to Royal Victoria Country Park, which led to congestion and concerns over safety (especially when events were being run). The new TRO introduced 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions and was seen as being successful in mitigating this issue. However concerns were expressed about displacement further up Hound Road which BHH had committed to consider further.

Speed Limit Reminders (SLRs)

BHH fund the deployment of SLRs throughout the area at identified locations where road speed is felt to be excessive. These mobile electronic signs remind drivers of the speed limit and record the speed. Whilst the Borough is not responsible for road traffic speed enforcement or setting speed limits, BHH feel it is of community benefit and the data may be of assistance to the police and Hampshire County.

The Local Engagement Officers are responsible for deploying the signs (usually for two weeks). Despite starting slightly late this year, the signs were deployed 24 times throughout the BHH area.