

**REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC PROTECTION AND PFI
TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL
ON WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2015**

Fire:

Strategic Partnership (Delivering Differently in Partnership – DDiP) budgeted for first year savings of £300,000, which have been achieved, and with further projected savings due to be met in line with the project plan. Work in relation to tactical operational guidance (TOG) and training are in progress. A review of fleet management has started and the health and safety scope and description is being written.

In addition the data and knowledge management initiative is progressing through the council's Request For Quotation (RFQ) procurement process to invite expressions of interest to undertake a feasibility study for the extensive work area.

Recruitment of retained duty system personnel continues and with 19 vacancies currently across eight stations, it is envisaged that a recruits course will be run within the first quarter of 2016.

Public Health:

Public Health, working with the comms team, co-ordinated the island's first non-commercial Baby Roadshow: Bump & Beyond. For expectant and new parents it brought together organisations and business islandwide to offer advice, information, displays and exhibits.

The newly recruited (now also inducted) local area coordinators have now begun taking on introductions and have started to build links with communities and organisations. It is hoped that at the next leadership group the next localities can be identified for the next round of a possible additional three local area coordinator recruitment (early 2016).

Joint funding application submitted between Public Health and Southampton Solent University to Nuffield Foundation to introduce education through movement games (EduMove) in primary schools across the Isle of Wight.

We are developing the 'Family Platform' to increase physical activity and support healthy eating and we are rolling out the whole school approach to food being delivered by our school caterers. School nurses are still offering supported interventions to families with children found to be obese by the National Child Management Programme.

Two workshops on the Family Wellbeing Platform with senior managers from the council and partner organisations took place on 12 October and 9 November 2015. At these workshops, participants used a case study of the Derby Live Well Programme to undertake an overview of the work carried out to develop a whole

system approach, key components, challenges and quick wins. This was followed by discussions and group work aiming to develop partners' commitment to support the development and delivery of the Isle of Wight's own Family Wellbeing Platform (FWP).

Working regionally with Public Health England to develop diabetes pathway information and guidance – as well as preparing for the next dental epidemiology survey for older people.

Flooding:

The council has worked with Island Roads and the Environment Agency on a winter campaign titled 'Ditch It' raising awareness of landowners' responsibilities to keep ditches maintained and free flowing. Work is ongoing on the West Wight Coastal Strategy, which is investigating future coastal flood risk for the coast of the Island from Newport west to Freshwater Bay.

Highways PFI:

The Atkins reports are in draft versions and not yet finalised. The reports have enabled an informed approach to contract management as well as inform on specific engineering operations.

A year-long attempt at resolving identified contractual issues finally concluded unsuccessfully in October and we have now formally entered into contractual dispute with Island Roads Services Ltd through a contractual process of adjudication. We are confident at this stage of having an adjudication process complete within three months and continue intensive work through our contract management team and lawyers to present our position correctly and efficiently to adjudicator. Adjudication is not binding and either party retains the right to enter into court proceedings following an adjudication process. Due to the nature of the legal process I cannot provide any further detail.

I cannot indicate the value of the disputed matters, but it is significant.

The service provider has confirmed there will be no change to the service provision while the dispute is resolved.

In view of the legal position I would ask members to respect the difficulties in releasing documents and answering detailed questions at this time.

Car parking:

Currently out to consultations which have included a wide range of stakeholders. The timescales for this work have slipped due to approaches from other stakeholders wishing to input into the consultation process. When complete, this will inform the start of the strategy and policy for parking across the Island, both on and off-road. Detailed work is still needed to understand localised requirements and differences from areas across the Island.

The drive is to get the policy right from the outset, and while we approach this issue with utmost importance it is not felt that constraining this work into a fixed timescale is helpful or beneficial. I will provide updates as the work moves forward and give members further briefings at the appropriate time.

Currently, closer working with the PFI management team is proving helpful and productive in managing and delivering current strategies across the Island.

Regulatory services:

Prevent

Prevent is part of the government's counter terrorism strategy CONTEST, which became a duty on specified authorities from 1 July 2015.

Effectively it is a safeguarding mechanism to protect the vulnerable, who may be drawn into terrorism. The Isle of Wight Council has some specific duties concerning the following:

- Putting together a multi-agency group to coordinate prevent activity – this is being picked up by the Community Safety Partnership.
- We need to train our front line staff – This delivery starts at the beginning of December and is also open to other specified authorities, partners and voluntary groups.
- Ensure our buildings and services do not provide a platform for extremists – Legal and ICT have been working on this with regard to council buildings and procurement.
- Organise and chair a channel panel for referrals – this has been set up and the first meeting took place in August 2015.

The members' briefing on community safety on 2 December will cover Prevent and I would recommend all members attend this briefing.

At the current time the current UK terrorism threat is SEVERE (an attack is highly likely) and has been since August 2014, however there is no intelligence to suggest that there will be an attack in either Hampshire or the Isle of Wight – the ongoing message from central government is "be alert, not alarmed", also that any response to a terrorist act will be led by the police.

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