REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC PROTECTION AND PFI TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2016

Public Health

Public Health confirmed total calculated cuts of 26 per cent in real terms (including the 6.2 per cent cash cut in 2015/16) by 2020. We are setting our budgets to include these and the expected Vanguard funding. We are planning for reduced contracts/budgets while delivering efficiencies and better outcomes by integrating/joining up activities within Public Health, local authority and clinical commissioning group partners (including pooling budgets through Better Care Fund) and with wider system partners (especially the voluntary sector).

Trading Standards

Trading Standards' officers are continuing to investigate a number of cases relating to cold callers and mail order scams. Unfortunately the elderly and vulnerable are specifically targeted and it is not unusual for an individual to have parted with thousands of pounds prior to Trading Standards' involvement.

Environmental health

Environmental health officers are working hard to achieve the planned inspections for food safety and hope to achieve around 80 per cent (as per policy) by year end.

Fire control

The final version of the feasibility study report into the future provision of data and knowledge management, to include fire control was presented by Mott MacDonald which informed the fire authority decision for fire control to either remain with Surrey Fire and Rescue Service or move into the Network Fire Control Services Partnership with Hampshire. The September Executive agreed to confirm the move from Surrey to Hampshire and a wider Wessex fire control centre.

Health and safety - fire and rescue

New procedures and governance of health and safety is in place with a shared Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service health and safety manager.

Operational assurance – fire and rescue service

The first operational pre-plan for an Island-based risk has been developed by Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service. The full formal operational de-brief process has been carried out following the Medina Village incident.

Operational training note removal and replacement – fire and rescue service

Now in the implementation phase, this will be a valuable piece of work in replacing a number of out of date documents with current useful reference material and training information.

Training support – fire and rescue service

This product continues to be delivered on time with training packages moving to a shared 'Moodle' online platform. Recent developments have been across areas such as breathing apparatus procedures and core skills ie pumps, ladders, rescue from height, water awareness. Other work continues at pace in areas such as incident command, road traffic collisions and casualty care.

Parking strategy

The public consultation on the car park strategy closed on 6 July and the document from consultants has been published. Officers are still analysing the data from this consultation and the stakeholder consultations and this information will be used to inform a future executive paper for decisions on policy creation.

Bereavement Services

The Heritage Lottery bid submitted in partnership with the Friends of Northwood Cemetery is well underway. The creation of the Island's first municipal woodland burial site at Northwood Cemetery is almost complete. In addition the main contractor has been appointed and work has begun on the Grade 2 listed Victorian chapels.

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