

**REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT
(SUSTAINABILITY) AND LOCAL ENGAGEMENT
TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL
ON WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2016**

Waste update

I am advised that in the coming weeks the commercial waste area and the further six bays will be opened and fully operational at Lynnbottom. At present, I am aware that delays are occurring from 11am to 2pm on weekdays and during weekends. Until works are complete, I request that residents are patient during this busy time of the year.

In recent months, missed collections have fallen below the Amey Group benchmark of 35 missed collections per 100,000, while diversion from landfill remains just below 60 per cent.

Warm Up Wight

Warm Up Wight is being delivered by J&J Crump, which has been able to secure vital Energy Company Obligation (ECO) funding to deliver the new scheme for the benefit of Island residents. The scheme will provide insulation and heating improvements to residential properties across the Island that meet the required criteria. Each property's Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) will be checked, upon request for home insulation improvement, to identify appropriate insulation and heating improvements.

The scheme is currently offering free cavity wall insulation for all properties. Free loft insulation will be undertaken where possible and as required following a check of the property's Energy Performance Certificate (EPC). Low income households may be entitled to free or significantly reduced replacement boiler systems.

For a free, no obligation survey, call Free 0800 032 8322 or go online to: www.warmupwight.co.uk.

Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (SIFCA)

I attended my first meeting of the Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority. As the council's representative, I supported the introduction of the Solent Dredging and Bottom Towed Fishing Gear byelaws which have been consulted upon with stakeholders in the last year. For further information, please visit: <http://www.southern-ifca.gov.uk/>.

On enforcement matters, at a recent Solent Forum it was reported that last year SIFCA pursued successfully all 21 of its prosecutions in the last year.

Budget 2016/17

I have attended my first budget discussions with officers regarding what savings can be identified with the services that I have within my portfolio.

In the coming days and weeks, I will be discussing options with heads of service and exploring further opportunities to work in closer partnership with town and parish councils and other service providers.

With town and parish councils looking to set their precept for next year, I remain very mindful of the importance of early dialogue.

Solent Forum

At last week's Solent Forum meeting, there was a full update on action being taken by the forum, particularly in respect of the beneficial use of dredgings in the Solent (BUDS) group.

Presentations were also made in connection with the 'A Piers Tale' initiative for Yarmouth Pier, by the Hampshire and Wildlife Trust, SIFCA, Perpetuus Tidal Energy, and the Solent Enterprise Partnership, while updates were offered by Natural England on both the English Coastal Path and Marine Conservation Zones. For further details of the Solent Forum's work please visit: <http://www.solentforum.org/>

Since my last report:

- A meeting of the Waste Contract Board was called to update members.
- I attended the Isle of Wight Association of Local Council's executive meeting.
- I chaired the most recent Sustainability Forum meeting. Presentations were provided by the Footprint Trust on fuel poverty. Further details on the work of the Footprint Trust supporting those in fuel poverty can be found at: <http://www.footprint-trust.co.uk/warmer-wight-plus.html>.
- In addition a presentation was made by the IW AONB on its biosphere bid. Please see: <http://wightaonb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Biosphere-for-Sustainability-Forum.pdf>
- I attended Newport Parish Council's '20's Plenty' workshop.
- I have provided an update to Ryde Town Council on ongoing issues concerning waste collection and flytipping in the town.
- In Newport Town Centre I have been approached by and am supporting local members to address similar issues to Ryde.
- I met with Ryde Aspire, and saw some amazing examples of how this organisation reduces what is sent to landfill. I was particularly impressed by Aspire's Community Repaint initiative, their Cycle Recycle initiative, their Men In Sheds and utilisation of books and food redistribution to those in need within the Ryde community. Following my visit I am seeking support from both Amey and the council to seek opportunities for a closer working relationship between this charity and the local authority.

- Between forwarding this report and Full Council, I am looking forward to attending the executive meeting of Solent Transport, the AONB Steering Committee, 'graduating' from Amey's Recycling Champions training event and hope to attend the Isle of Wight Cycle Forum.
- I continue to speak frequently with some town and parish councils on the transferral of public conveniences, although accepting there is still some way to go I am heartened by the positive dialogue and support from local councils.

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