

# **REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, HOUSING AND TRANSPORT TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 18 JANUARY 2017**

## **Regeneration**

You will be aware that the council has successfully appointed a director and assistant director of regeneration and at the Executive in December. An exciting programme of Isle of Wight Council regeneration projects was announced which show how the council intends to use its assets to help grow the economy on the Island and attract investment into the Island.

This work is being supplemented by work on a bid for funding from the Cabinet Office, called One Public Estate, to help the council along with partner public agencies on the Island manage their assets in a way that helps us to work together. This could be worth an additional half a million funding to the council.

## **Housing and homelessness**

Following on from Full Council support for helping to support the delivery of affordable housing the council has also been awarded £1.5 million for investment in community led housing. We will be working on bringing forward proposals for how this funding can be spent.

With partners in the housing and health sectors we are working on several key documents, a Housing Framework, Homelessness Prevention Strategy and an Extra Care Strategy, the drafts of which will be available shortly.

## **Planning**

My Executive responsibilities have recently changed and while I am no longer Executive member for planning, I have been involved in the work on both the Parking and Waste Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) which were recently approved by Executive and will now be used as material considerations for planning proposals.

I have also been involved in work on the draft Affordable Housing SPD, which is currently out for consultation.

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