

**REPORT FROM THE LEADER AND EXECUTIVE MEMBER
FOR STRATEGIC AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, AND PUBLIC
PROTECTION TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL
ON WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH 2017**

This month my focus has been on a range of strategic meetings and partnership engagements.

I have held informal meetings with a number of key stakeholders including the managing director of Wightlink, the chief constable of Hampshire Police, the local police superintendent and the chief executive of Age UK.

I have also had a range of meetings regarding to the current situation at Newport Football Club which is now being considered and taken forward by officers.

I facilitated a meeting between representatives from various Island businesses and education with a view to developing an approach to engagement with schools as well as supporting the future work of the Regeneration Team

I have also been engaged in the preparation of the Health and Wellbeing Board agenda, chaired an executive meeting with the Corporate Management Team and attended in an observational capacity the Planning Committee meeting when it dealt with the Red Funnel planning application.

At a local level I attended my parish council meeting and facilitated a meeting between Island Roads, the council Contract Management Team and a local community group regarding road safety and speed calming measures. I also visited the community safety manager and was shown the proceeds of a significant counterfeit goods recovery operation.

I prepared for my attendance at Scrutiny Committee and Executive meetings to ensure good governance and an open and transparent approach to council leadership.

Finally I have undertaken an informal visit to the Gouldings, Vectis Housing and by the time of the Full Council meeting will have supported the opening of the Apprenticeship Levy and engaged with the PUSH meeting at Fareham.

Overall I have fulfilled my duties as council leader, working with my executive team to ensure that a lawful and balanced budget has been delivered, maintaining the provision of core services and developing opportunities for future development.

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