

#### NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting: HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Date and Time: WEDNESDAY, 20 JUNE 2018, AT 6.00 PM\*

Place: THE BRADBURY ROOM, APPLETREE COURT,

LYNDHURST

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#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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- (a) immediately before the meeting starts, on items within the Panel's terms of reference which are not on the public agenda; and/or
- (b) on individual items on the public agenda, when the Chairman calls that item. Speeches may not exceed three minutes. Anyone wishing to speak should contact the name and number shown above.

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#### **AGENDA**

#### **Apologies**

#### 1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 13 March 2018 and the minutes of the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 14 May 2018 as correct records.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To note any declarations of interest made by members in connection with an agenda item. The nature of the interest must also be specified.

Members are asked to discuss any possible interests with Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

#### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To note any issues raised during the public participation period.

#### 4. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND PROVISIONAL BUDGET OUTTURN

(Pages 1 - 18)

To consider the annual performance of services under the purview of this Panel and the provisional budget outturn figures.

#### 5. HOUSING TEAM - ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To receive a presentation outlining the roles and responsibilities of the restructured housing team, their challenges and the next 12 months.

#### 6. TENANT PARTICIPATION

To receive a presentation on how the Council engages with the Tenant Involvement Group, consults its tenants and how their views are represented.

#### 7. HOMELESSNESS / TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

To receive a presentation on the Council's duties in regard to homelessness and the use of temporary accommodation.

#### 8. HOUSING STOCK UPDATE

To receive a presentation on the composition of the Council's housing stock, including levels of supply and demand by area.

#### 9. PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S UPDATE

To receive an update from the Housing Services Portfolio Holder.

#### **10**. **WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 19 - 20)

To consider the Panel's future work programme, and make changes where necessary.

#### 11. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

To:	Councillors	Councillors	
	S P Davies (Chairman) D M S Poole (Vice- Chairman) Mrs L D Cerasoli Ms K V Crisell Mrs P J Lovelace	N S Penman Miss A Sevier M A Steele Mrs C V Ward Mrs P A Wyeth	



#### **HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL - 20 JUNE 2018**

## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE & PROVISIONAL BUDGET OUTTURN REPORT 2017/18

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 'Our corporate plan' is supported by a corporate framework which provides further context around the main issues the plan aims to address, and key strategies which will contribute to the delivery of the plan. This report provides an overview of the Council's performance and achievements over the last 12 months and sets out provisional details of the 2017/18 projected financial outturn positions for the General Fund, Capital Programme and Housing Revenue Account. In recognition of some of the challenges moving forward it also sets out key strategies for implementation during 2018/19.
- 1.2 The Council's statutory Statement of Accounts will be completed and signed by the Responsible Financial (S151) Officer by 31 May and will be presented to Audit Committee in July following external audit. Should there be any significant variations from the figures presented in this report, they will be highlighted at that Committee. The Outturn now presented is in management format.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Much of the focus for 2017/18 has been on the achievement of the service reviews and key activities contained within the delivery plan including the generation of additional income, whilst maintaining frontline service delivery in support of the visions and priorities of the corporate plan.
- 2.2 The Council's financial planning process further supports the delivery of the corporate objectives and the annual budget, and its performance, is an element of the overall corporate plan.
- 2.3 The provisional outturn for 2017/18 as reported to cabinet in April resulted in revised General Fund, Capital Programme and Housing Revenue Account budgets as follows;

	Original Budget £'m	Latest Budget April Cabinet £'m	Reported Variations £'m
General Fund	16.587	15.346	-1.241
Capital Programme	21.266	24.418	3.152
Housing Revenue Account (Income)	-27.919	-27.990	-0.071
Housing Revenue Account (Expend.)	27.919	26.681	-1.238

#### 3. PERFORMANCE

- 3.1 Performance continues to be maintained despite ongoing funding reductions. Appendix 1 illustrates some of the Council's achievements and key data for 2017/18, whilst also providing a current picture of the Council's organisational structure.
- 3.2 The level of central government funding reduced by £1.757m from 2016/17 to 2017/18, with further reductions forecast in future years. Appendix 2 (Corporate Framework) introduces the key strategies in development for 2018/19 which will contribute to delivering a level of service that the local population expect, despite these significant reductions.

#### 4. BUDGET OUTTURN

- 4.1 The Annual Budget is an important element of the delivery of the Council's financial strategy which supports the delivery of core services and provides value for money to local taxpayers. Financial Monitoring Reports and Medium Term Financial Plan updates to Cabinet throughout the year provide up to date information on both current performance, and the budget outlook over a medium term period.
- 4.2 The updated General Fund revenue outturn position confirms a spend of £14.558m. This is a favourable yearend variation of £788,000, and results in a total favourable variation for the year as against the original budget of £2.029m. The Financial Monitoring reports presented through Cabinet during the year confirm the reasoning for the significant variations other than the outturn variation of £788,000, which are summarised within Appendix 3. As stated within the April Cabinet Financial Monitoring report, a review of the variations against the original budget will be undertaken to determine which are on-going and not yet reflected in the 2018/19 budget or forward looking MTFP.
- 4.3 The updated Capital Programme outturn position confirms a spend for the year of £24.918m. This is a yearend variation of +£500,000, and results in a total variation for the year of +£3.652m.
- 4.4 The updated Housing Revenue Account position confirms income for the year of £27.965m and a spend for the year of £26.153m. This results in a favourable yearend variation of £502,000, and results in an overall favourable variation for the year of £1.812m, with £64,000 being transferred to the ICT reserve.
- 4.5 The following table summarises the positions as explained above (although all stated positions are still subject to change, up until 31-05-18);

	Original Budget	Outturn Position	<b>Total Variation</b>
	£'m	£'m	£'m
General Fund	16.587	14.558	-2.029
Capital Programme	21.266	24.918	3.652
Housing Revenue Account (Income)	-27.919	-27.965	-0.05
Housing Revenue Account (Expend.)	27.919	26.153	-1.77

#### 5. ENVIRONMENTAL, CRIME AND DISORDER AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no environmental, crime and disorder or equality implications arising directly from this report.

#### 6. LEADER'S COMMENTS

6.1 To follow.

#### 7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 It is recommended that EMT:
  - (a) Note the performance and achievements as set out in Appendix 1
  - (b) Note the key delivery actions for 2018/19 set out in Appendix 2
  - (c) Note the provisional General Fund outturn position
  - (d) Note the provisional outturn position of the Capital Programme
  - (e) Note the provisional outturn position of the Housing Revenue Account.

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#### **Background Papers:**

Our corporate plan – Cabinet 3 February 2016

Financial Monitoring Report – Cabinet 4 April

2018



## New Forest

# POSITION STATEMENT 2018 AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

















#### →Introduction - The New Forest

The New Forest is an area of southern England which includes one of the largest remaining tracts of unenclosed pasture land, heathland and forest in the heavily populated south east of England. It covers south-west Hampshire and extends into south-east Wiltshire and towards east Dorset. It is a unique place of ancient history, fascinating wildlife and stunning beauty and was established as a royal hunting preserve.

The local government administrative area of New Forest District Council (290 square miles) includes the New Forest National Park (206 square miles). Within the district there are 145 square miles of Crown land, managed by the Forestry Commission.

The New Forest is a working forest that has prospered for nearly 1000 years. Many of the agricultural practices conceded by the Crown in historical times to local people are still retained. The most significant of these is the depasturing

of ponies, cattle, pigs and donkeys in the open forest by authorised local inhabitants known as Commoners. These unique agricultural commoning practices are administered by the Verderers.

The district council was created on 1 April 1974 and was a merger of the borough of Lymington, New Forest Rural District and part of Ringwood and Fordingbridge Rural District. The district is one of the most populated in England (179,236) not to be a unitary authority and within its boundaries there are 37 active Town and Parish Councils. Hampshire County Council are responsible for upper tier services.

Operating within the heart of the district council area is the National Park Authority established in 2005. The National Park is the planning authority for its area. In other service areas there are shared responsibilities and close collaborative working with the district council. Approximately 70% of the

population of the district live in the New Forest District Council authority area in a number of medium sized towns. To the south and east of the district border there lies 40 miles of coastline.

The broad range of organisations and community groups that exist means that the council works collaboratively with and in the community to deliver solutions.

The New Forest is home to the third largest economy in Hampshire, with a total Gross Value Added of £4.4bn. The district contains over 9,000 businesses in total, which is more than any other local authority in Hampshire, include the cities of Southampton and Portsmouth. 85% of businesses in the district are micro in size employing fewer than 10 people. Self-employment is relatively high at over 19% and unemployment is consistently lower than in the rest of the country. Leisure, tourism and marine along with their associated supply chains

are significant employment and economic sectors within the district. The council works closely with the <a href="New Forest Business Partnership">New Forest Business Partnership</a> and 'Helping local business grow' is a priority.

Average earnings are low with 60% of the working population earning less than the UK average. This, and the high average house price, results in significant cross commuting between those who work in the forest but can't afford to live there, and those who can afford to live within the district but work elsewhere. The district council is located between the two major conurbations of Southampton and Bournemouth.

The very special nature of the New Forest makes it an extremely attractive place to live; both for those in work and those wishing to retire (28.5% of the population is over 65). Housing development is made more difficult by many of the environmental constraints of the area.

Appendix 1

#### **New Forest District Council**

Housing, and particularly affordable housing for local people is a particular issue in the district. The district council manages its own housing stock (5,021 properties) and there are in excess of 3,000 people on the housing waiting list.

The New Forest district local plan review provides the opportunity to shape the district over the next twenty years and this will be an important process for the council to complete. Early indications are that not all identified housing need will be met. There are opportunities for a significant change, particularly in the Totton and Waterside area.

The vast majority of services are provided by in house teams. This includes the operation of five high quality Health & Leisure Centres, a Housing Services Building Works team as well as Refuse and Recycling, Grounds Maintenance and Street Scene. The council employs 759 FTEs with a small number of services provided by third parties or through shared service arrangements.

The council's assets consist of five Health and Leisure Centres, two depots, two administrative offices and a number of local town and amenity car parks. Other than these primarily operational assets, the council owns few investment opportunities.

In May 2015 the council's new Conservative administration won 58 out of 60 seats at the district council election. They set about aligning their manifesto pledges to the council's <u>Corporate Plan</u> (<u>March 2016</u>) with their priorities to secure a better future for the community. The priorities are:

- · Helping local business to grow
- More homes for local people
- · Service outcomes for the community
- Protecting the local character of our place

New Forest District boundary Town National Park urley © Crown copyright and database rights 2017 Ordnance Survey 100026220

These priorities were underpinned by:

- · Living within our means
- Working with others to achieve more

In the last two years significant change has taken place within the senior management of the organisation and in the way in which the council goes about its business as the council has set about rebalancing its expenditure and income in light of the significant reduction in central government funding. During this period services have maintained a consistent level of delivery. There is recognition that despite these changes the organisation needs to ensure that it has the capacity to deliver on its priorities.

#### Our performance highlights 2017/18

New Forest District Council remains committed to delivering the priorities set out in the 2016-2020 Corporate Plan: Helping local business grow, More homes for local people, Service outcomes for the community, Protecting the local character of our place, Working with others to achieve more and Living within our means.

Our Economic Development Service continues to work with a variety of partners to deliver a range of information and advice, and has organised and led 32 events during 2017/18. Examples include providing specific workshops on GDPR legislations, dedicated 1-1 business clinics and a seminar on

securing purchasing opportunities with the District Council.

We rehoused 389 households from the home search register in 2017/18. However, there are still over 3,000 applicants on the register seeking council housing which we will continue to work hard to address.

We have been involved in a number of projects to assist the wellbeing of our community. We have been involved in a number of projects to assist the well-being of our community. This has included targeting high levels of childhood obesity, and introducing activities to help relieve the symptoms of dementia.

Work to deliver the Hurst Spit defence project alongside the Environmental Agency has continued and the coastal protection scheme is set to benefit communities in the local area.

£218,020 in grants was approved this year for 15 local not-for-profit and voluntary groups as part of the community grants scheme. We also continued to work with local charities, including donating IT equipment we no longer use to the local homeless charity "Jamie's Computers".

Net Savings and improved income generation totalling £1.377m have absorbed pay and price increases across the Portfolios totalling

some £1.130m, and have also made an important contribution towards offsetting the reductions in government resources. The residual required increase in Council Funding has been achieved by an increase in Council Tax.

# UNDERSTANDING OF THE LOCAL PLACE AND PRIORITY SETTING

Average earnings (full time) in the New Forest are £667 per week

People make 13.5m day trips to the New Forest each year generating £120m and supporting more than 2,500 jobs

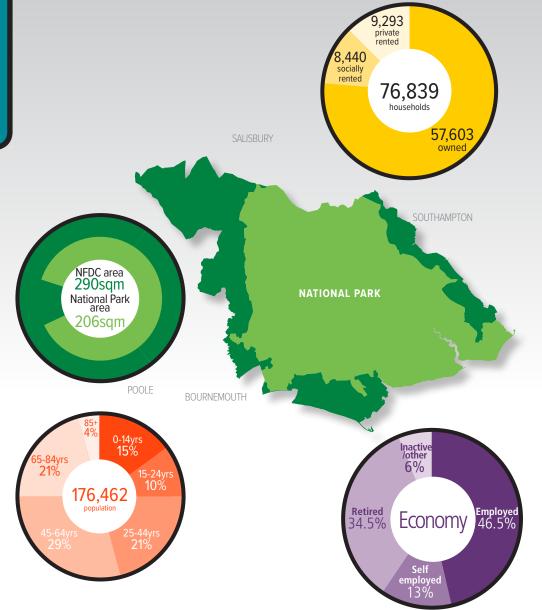
9,000 businesses

We receive 165 homelessness applications a year and prevent 282 other households from becoming homeless

5,021 council houses

**142,234** district residents are eligible to vote

9,000 households are supported with housing benefit and/or council tax reduction





Leisure, tourism and marine are significant employment sectors within the district. We work closely with the New Forest Business Partnership and the New Forest Tourism Association to boost the economic viability of the area.



We grant planning permission to over 1,000 planning applications for new dwellings per year, and around 284 new homes are built here every year, 62 of them being affordable new homes. With over 3,000 people on the Homesearch register, 'more homes for local people' is one of our key priorities.



the community

We provide over 100 local services that our residents value, including refuse, street cleaning, benefits, health and leisure, and housing advice. We regularly review our services to understand how we can improve and what our customers want.



We recognise the area's unique qualities and characteristics - our Local Plan shapes development in the area, and we work to keep the area a clean, green, and safe place. NFDC is responsible for areas outside the National Park, and outside Forestry Commission Crown Lands.



Working with others to achieve more

We have a role to play in protecting and improving the New Forest. We know that we can't realise our ambitions in isolation and work closely with the National Park Authority, the Forestry Commission, town and parish councils, local businesses, and numerous local groups.



We continually review activities and services to identify opportunities for savings and opportunities to generate income to address significant reductions in government funding, whilst at the same time maintaining services that are important to our customers.

#### HELPING LOCAL BUSINESS GROW

Our Economic Development Service continues to work with a variety of partners to deliver a range of information and advice, and has organised and led 32 events during 2017/18. Examples include providing specific workshops on GDPR legislations, dedicated 1-1 business clinics and a seminar on securing purchasing opportunities with the District Council.

We were involved in the New Forest Partnership Awards, and the New Forest Brilliance in Business Awards 2017, celebrating businesses that achieve outstanding results which benefit their workforce, their local community and the New Forest economy as a whole. The overall winner of the awards were Cyclexperience in Brockenhurst, who play an important part in the local economy by not only providing significant seasonal employment, but also in ensuring that users of the cycle hire service use other local, independent businesses and respect the natural forest that they are visiting.

Our specialist team launched a free business advice service for New Forest businesses in July, providing bespoke information on areas such as grants, planning, regulations and business growth.

We continue to see benefits of our partnership with Creative England to encourage filming in the district, with around a dozen documentaries filmed in the area this year. Fawley Power Station was used as part of the set for the most recent Star Wars film, generating an additional £1 million in the local economy during filming.

We rehoused 389 households from the home search register in 2017/18. However, there are still over 3,000 applicants on the register seeking council housing which we will continue to work hard to address.

The Local Plan continues to be developed and refined and will be published for wider consultation in the Summer of 2018. It will include proposals for 10,000 new houses in the district over the next 20 years.

284 additional homes were built this year, with 62 of these being affordable. Our Housing Strategy aims to improve availability of genuinely affordable homes, and identifies a range of ways in which the council will enhance housing options available and the supply of affordable housing for the benefit of local people. The council, in its capacity as housing authority, acquired a further 16 homes for social rent during 17/18.

We have also been awarded almost £1 million of Community Housing Funds (CHF), part of a national scheme for areas where second home ownership is high. This will allow the council to promote and assist the development of community housing schemes in the future, which could include co-operatives, co-housing, self-build and Community Land trusts.

# MORE HOMES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

# SERVICE OUTCOMES FOR THE COMMUNITY

We have been involved in a number of projects to assist the **Wellbeing of our community**. We have been involved in a number of projects to assist the well-being of our community. This has included targeting high levels of childhood obesity, and introducing activities to help relieve the symptoms of dementia.

In total, over 10 million waste and recycling collections were made during the year, with only 0.06% reported as missed. Two new public conveniences have been rebuilt at New Milton and Lymington which continue to be well-received within the local communities.

The annual community litter pick was once again supported by volunteers over several weekends.

We launched the Eat Out, Eat Well public health scheme in July, and continued to carry out regular **food hygiene inspections** across the district which provides reassurance to both residents and visitors when eating out.

Our Health and Leisure centre membership has increased from 7,616 up to 8,208 over the course of the year. Our Ringwood centre was reopened following significant investment in the facility, and we also launched a new "New Forest Health & Leisure" app which enables users to book classes quickly and access a host of information.

# PROTECTING THE LOCAL CHARACTER OF OUR PLACE

Work to deliver the Hurst Spit defence project alongside the Environmental Agency has continued and the **COASTAL PROTECTION**SCheme is set to benefit communities in the local area.

We continue to work hard to remove abandoned vehicles, with **54** being removed this year compared to 60 last year, and 26 in 2015/16.

Our Milford-on-Sea beach huts and seafront improvement scheme was completed in time for Summer 2017. The innovative design and engineering behind the scheme has been recognised in a series of prestigious awards throughout the course of the year.

King George V Recreation Ground was enhanced to include new footpaths, improved drainage and a bespoke dog activity area. The dog park is part of our "Greenway" project and this is the first of many similar projects that will improve dog walking facilities across the district.

With our support, The Eling Tide Mill experience reopened in April 2018 after a major refurbishment project. This included installing new footpaths and wooden boardwalks and improving access to open spaces around Bartley Water and Goatee Beach.

£218,020 in grants was approved this year for 15 local not-for-profit and voluntary groups as part of the community grants scheme. We also continued to work with local charities, including donating IT equipment we no longer use to the local homeless charity "Jamie's Computers".

We support the **Forest Arts Forum**, which allows organisations such as hArt, CODA, Forest Arts and Forest Forge to use the arts to tackle issues such as social isolation and bullying. We continue to undertake a national pilot with **Sport England** – the "Social Prescribing" project to explore the benefits of basing Active Lifestyle Officers in GP surgeries targeting hard to reach patients.

Alongside other public sector organisations, we participated in "Our Day" on 21 November, a national tweetathon to highlight public services. We posted nearly 100 tweets about our staff and services, achieving a Twitter reach of a staggering 749,000 people.

We have an ongoing partnership with the National Parks Authority and Forestry Commission and work together on initiatives such as litter picking, and were recently involved in a multi-agency approach to improve safety and licencing of local vehicles. We are also collaborating with our partners in order to contribute to the New Forest National Park partnership plan.

# WORKING WITH OTHERS TO ACHIEVE MORE

# LIVING WITHIN OUR MEANS

Net Savings and improved income generation totalling £1.377m have absorbed pay and price increases across the Portfolios totalling some £1.130m, and have also made an important contribution towards offsetting the reductions in government resources. The residual required increase in Council Funding has been achieved by an increase in Council Tax.

Our draft Residential Property Asset Investment strategy was approved by full council in December 2017, which will give us the opportunity to purchase residential properties and become a private sector landlord with the benefit of a proven track record in rental property management.

The undertaking of several service reviews, additional income generation, and a review of our asset maintenance and replacement programme resulted in overall savings during the year against the original 2017/18 revenue budget.

We have continued to deliver our services alongside a reduction in headcount equivalent to 21 full time posts over the past year, representing 2.7% of the workforce.

# FINANCIAL PLANNING AND VIABILITY

#### **Current position**

The Council's net worth increased by £2.551m in 2017/18.

Usable Reserves grew by £1.1m at the end of 2017/8, to £53.5m. The Treasury Management Strategy allows for up to £40m to be invested long term.

The Capital Programme for 2017/18 totalled £23.237m, including major repairs to the council's housing stock, new homes, the replacement of vehicles and plant, the Eling Experience project and the first investment property purchase for several years, in line with the strategy adopted in February 2017.

Treasury Investment income grew to £820,000, £150,000 up on 2016/17.

#### 2022 position

Predicted budget deficit of £2m

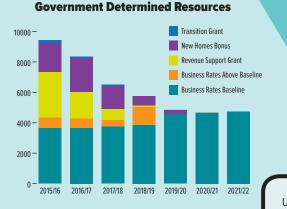


 2014/15
 2015/16
 2016/17
 2017/18
 2018/19

 Council Tax per Band D - £
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 158.36
 163.36
 168.36

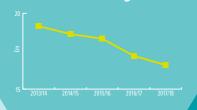
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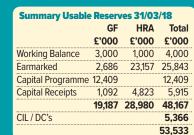
#### General fund budget - £m



Band D Council Tax: Hampshire Districts & Parish/Town

200 -





Savings New Req. Rephasing

743

**Summary Balance Sheet 31/03/18** 

Council Dwellings

Investment Properties

Other Long Term Assets

Other Long Term Liabilities

Other PPE

**Current Assets** 

Current Liabilities

**HRA Settlement** 

Usable Reserves

Unusable Reserves

Total Assets

**Net Assets** 

£'000

78.769

4,695

22,744

52,362

(20,118)

525,222

(139,808)

(99,352) **265,944** 

53.533

212,411

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February
Budget & Council
Tax Set

January Updated MTFP

Annual Report (back) Initial MTFP (forward)

July

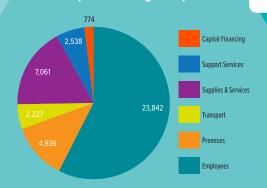
**November** Financial Monitoring August
Financial Monitoring

October Updated MTFP

£ 000	£ 000	£ 000	£ 000
			16,587
-499	567	1,146	1,214
	-150	-1,146	-1,296
-392	25	-416	-783
		416	416
-1,430	301	-438	-1,567
337		438	775
	-499 -392 -1,430	-499 567 -150 -392 25 -1,430 301	-499 567 1,146 -150 -1,146 -392 25 -416 416 -1,430 301 -438

-1,984

Budgeted Expenditure 2018/19 £'000 (Exc. Housing Bens)



October Budget Task & Finish Group

**September**Corporate Overview
Panel

Updated Budget 2017/18

# CAPACITY TO DELIVER

#### **Current position**

Staff turnover 7.7%

77% of vacancies are filled first time

**7** apprentices and **17** management development apprenticeships

Training spend per employee £296

Organisational strategy

#### **Future position 2022**

Aligning future organisation with delivery of the COrporate plan

Increased partnering and collaboration with others to reduce costs and transform service delivery

Continuing on our path to act more business-like with targeted additional income generation

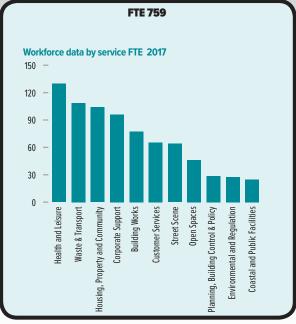
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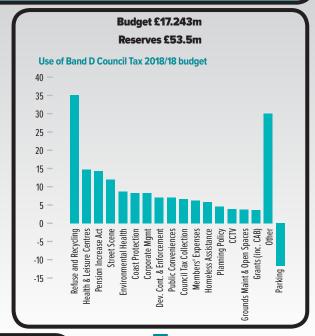
Encouraging Smarter working and the use of digital interaction, transforming our approach to customer services

#### **Challenges**

- 1 With further reductions in funding, what are our arrangements to deliver with less?
- **2** Can the organisation sustain capability and capacity with its existing workforce?
- **3** Are arrangements in place to support future smarter working?

#### **Organisation 2017/18**







Technology
Risk/Opportunity

**Customer Expectations** 



#### **Organisation 2022**

FTEs less than 780

Varied mix of service delivery Budget requirement 10% less









#### **ORGANISATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE**

**Member Task & Finish Groups** report to overview & scrutiny on significant projects and processes **Budget** (annually) CCTV **Coastal** Customer **Leisure Review Citizens Advice Community Grants (annually) Waste Management Strategy** 

#### Communications

Regular Chief Executive messages to all staff, staff briefings, communications **bulletins** 

#### **Important documents and** links

Strategic Risk Register

**Annual Governance Statement** 

Constitution

**Medium Term Financial Plan** 

**Annual Audit Letter** 

**Organisational Strategy** 

**Organisational Structure** 

**Democratic Structure** 

#### **MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE**

#### **Chief Executive**

Bob Jackson

#### **Executive Heads**

Colin Read – Operations and Deputy Chief Executive Grainne O'Rourke - Governance & Regulation, Planning & Housing (Monitoring Officer) Manjit Sandhu - Resources

#### **Head of Finance**

Alan Bethune

#### **Service Managers**

Steve Jones (Open Spaces)

Steve Cook (Building & Coastal Services)

Rob Lane (Street Scene)

Chris Noble (Waste & Transport)

Joanne McClay (Environmental & Regulation)

Ritchie Thomson (Building Works)

David Groom (Planning)

Louise Evans (Policy & Strategy)

Rosemary Rutins (Democratic & Member Support)

Andrew Kinghorn (Legal)

Andrew Smith (Estates & Valuation)

Brian Byrne (Estates Mgmt & Support)

Richard Knott (Housing Options)

Joanne Bailey (Health & Leisure)

Rebecca Drummond (Community & Customer Engagement)

Heleana Aylett (Human Resources)

Rob Beere (ICT)

Ryan Stevens (Revenue & Benefits)

#### **DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURE**

**Council 60 members** 

#### **Cabinet**

#### **Overview & Scrutiny**

#### **Committees**

**Leader and Corporate Affairs** 

**Cllr Barry Rickman** 

**Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Panel** Chairman:

**Cllr Mark Steele** 

**Appeals** Chairman: Cllr Alan Alvev

Audit

Chairman:

Cllr Alan O'Sullivan

**Employee Engagement** 

Panel

Chairman:

**Cllr Barry Rickman** 

**General Purposes &** 

Licensing

**Deputy Leader and** Portfolio Holder Planning & Infrastructure

**Cllr Edward Heron** 

**Portfolio Holder** 

**Housing Services** 

**Cllr Jill Cleary** 

Portfolio Holder

**Community Affairs** 

Portfolio Holder

Finance, Corporate Services

& Improvement

**Cllr Jeremy Heron** 

**Community Overview & Scrutiny Panel** Chairman:

**Cllr Geoffrey Blunden Environment Overview** 

& Scrutiny Panel Chairman:

**Cllr Steve Rippon Swayne** 

**Cllr Diane Andrews** 

**Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel** Chairman:

**Cllr Steve Davies** 

Member Task & Finish

Chairman: Cllr Steve Clarke

Groups

**Planning** Chairman: **CIIr Bill Andrews** 

Informal Engagement Cabinet/EMT

Portfolio Holder Leisure & Wellbeing **Cllr James Binns** 

Portfolio Holder **Environment & Regulatory** Services

**Cllr Alison Hoare** 

Portfolio Holder Local Economic Dev. **Property & Innovation** 

**Cllr Michael Harris** 

#### LEADERSHIP **OF PLACE**

#### PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS

Provided to HR (NPA) Audit (Dorset Partnership) Customer **Services (Hythe PC) Traffic** Management (HCC) Grounds Maintenance (various)

**Provided from** 

Treasury Management (HCC) **Customer Services (Totton TC,** 

Fordingbridge PC, Fawley PC)

**Planning Trees and** Conservation (NPA)

Private/public **Dibden Golf Centre** 

Shared projects Based at the channel coastal observatory we are the lead authority for regional coastal monitoring. Directly managing the south east region and co-ordinating the entire English coastline (six regions) including funding bids of £23 million to 2021. Key partners include **Environment Agency, Canterbury,** Worthing & and Havant councils to deliver the programme.

**NPA Partnership Plan** 

Ringwood Gateway

**Community Grants awarded** £218.020

Redevelopment and refurbishment of Eling Tidemill with Heritage Lottery Funding in partnership with Totton & Eling TC totalling £2 million

**Government partnerships Disabled facility grant** (£1.259m) and community housing funding (£976k)

#### **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Responsible for education, children and adults services, highways

78 elected members, 10 members representing the New Forest area 4 NFDC Members

#### **NEW FOREST** DISTRICT COUNCIL

Responsible for planning, housing, waste collection, tax and benefits. coast, health and leisure, environment and regulation

60 elected members

#### **37 TOWN AND PARISH** COUNCILS

Responsible for representing communities and delivering services and facilities, not provided by the county or district councils that meet local needs

320 elected members

52 NFDC Members NFALC attended by Chief Executive

6 precepts over £400,000 (total precept £5.5m)

**Governance of the New Forest** 

#### **NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

Responsible for ensuring that the national park is safeguarded for people to enjoy now and in the future

22 elected or appointed members

7 NFDC Members

**Partnership** 

for Urban

South

**Hampshire** 

#### THE COURT OF VERDERERS

Responsible for managing the traditional activity of communing (the right for landowners to let their ponies, donkeys, cattle, pigs or sheep run free)

10 elected or appointed verderers

Group

**National Park** 

**Authority** 

1 NFDC Member

#### **FORESTRY COMMISSION**

Responsible for looking after nearly half of the new forest national park area including its trees, landscapes and the natural environment

(waste)

Housing

**CAB** 

Voluntary

& Community

**Services** 

Supporting

families

Safeguarding

children

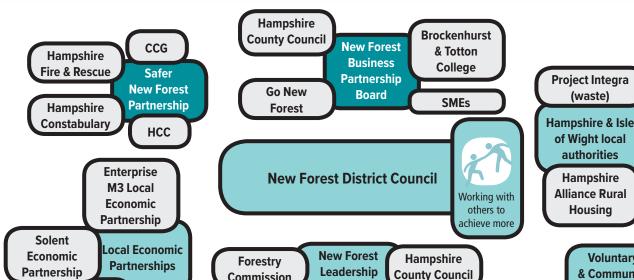
Health &

Wellbeing

Community

**First** 

Other

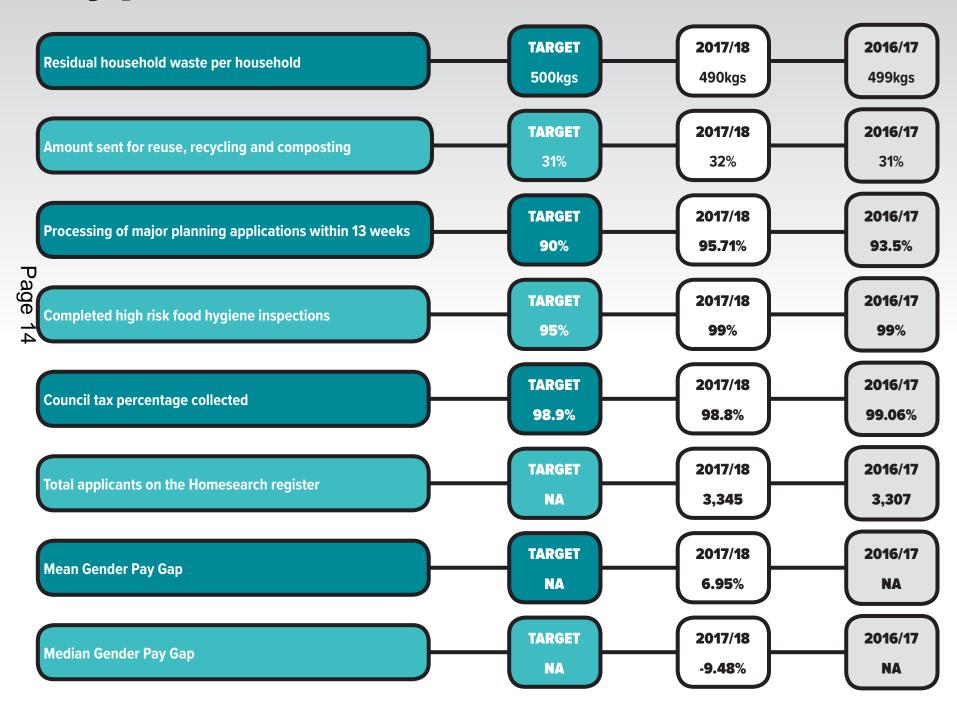


Commission

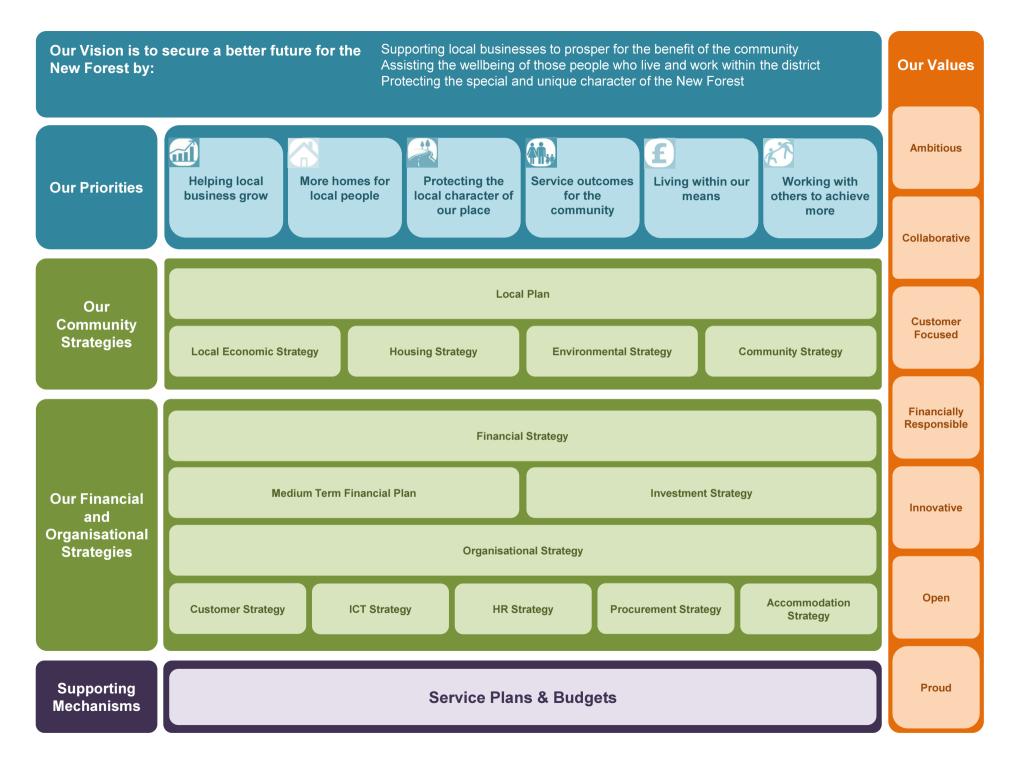
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## **Key performance measures**



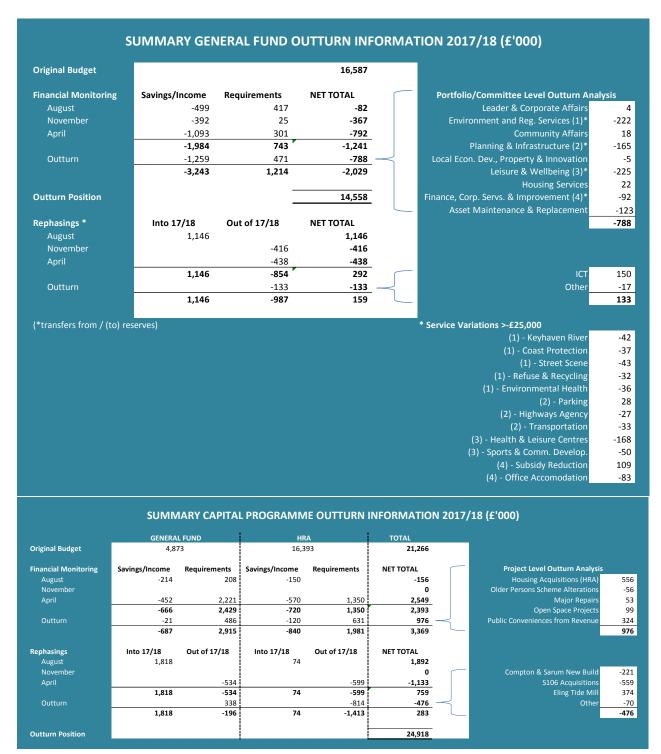




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### Appendix 3

#### **BUDGET OUTTURN POSITION**



#### HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT OUTTURN INFORMATION 2017/18 (£'000) Budget Outturn Original Variations via Latest Outturn Variation Budget Financial **Budget** Actuals against Latest Monitoring Budget INCOME -26,015 -25,992 **Dwelling Rents** -26,077 62 23 Non Dwelling Rents -748 -770 -730 -18 -22 Charges for Services & Facilities -742 -753 11 -741 1 -57 -90 -147 -118 29 Interest Receivable -76 -36 -112 -102 9 Sales Administration Recharge -33 0 -33 -42 -9 -194 -194 -199 -6 **Shared Amenities Contribution** 0 **TOTAL INCOME** -27,919 -71 -27,990 -27,965 26 **EXPENDITURE** Cyclical Maintenance 1,472 -100 1,372 1,176 -196 -700 700 n 0 0 2,789 -87 2,702 2,607 -95 Supervision & Management General Management 3,818 6 3,824 3,694 -130 **Special Services** 1,243 -2 1,240 1,145 -95 0 59 -3 62 62 Rents, Rates, Taxes and Other Charges 11 13 25 34 9 0 0 0 0 0 **Rent Rebates** Provision for Bad Debt 150 0 150 131 -19 **Capital Financing Costs** 8,584 0 8,584 8,584 0 9,091 -369 8,722 8,722 O **TOTAL EXPENDITURE** 27,919 -1,238 26,681 26,153 -528 -1,309 -1,309 -1,812 HRA OPERATING SURPLUS(-) / DEFICIT 0 -502 HRA Total Annual Surplus(-) / Deficit -1,812 Transfer to ICT Reserve M410 HY001 64 HRA TOTAL ANNUAL SURPLUS(-) / DEFICIT -1,748

# Agenda Item 10

#### **HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL WORK PROGRAMME 2018/2019**

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	METHOD	LEAD OFFICER	
	20 June 2018			
Housing team – roles and responsibilities	A brief introduction/reminder of the structure of the 2018 Housing team; their challenges and the next 12 months	Presentation to Panel	Grainne O'Rourke	
Tenant Participation	To understand better who they are and how they represent their group, including when they attend panel meetings	Presentation to Panel	Brian Byrne	
Homelessness/Temporary Accommodation	Overview of duties and use of temporary accommodation	Presentation to Panel	Grainne O'Rourke/Richard Knott	
Housing stock update	Information on the stock type and levels of supply and demand by area	Presentation to Panel	Richard Knott	
19 September 2018				
Housing Allocation Policy Review	To review the current policy and need for future changes (including the ongoing work of the Task & Finish Group in this respect)	Report to Panel	Grainne O'Rourke/Richard Knott	
Sheltered Accommodation	To receive an update on current provision in the District and the re-modelling of current schemes.	Presentation to Panel	Ritchie Thompson/Grainne O'Rourke	

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	METHOD	LEAD OFFICER
	19 September 2018 (Continued)		
Draft Housing Strategy (to include increasing stock levels)	To receive an update on the emerging strategy	Presentation to Panel	Grainne O'Rourke / Andrew Smith
Universal Credit	To consider the current situation and whether any local initiatives/joint working have been undertaken and to understand the impact on the Housing department	Presentation to Panel	Ryan Stevens
	16 January 2019		
Homelessness Strategy	To consider the strategy in the light of the Homelessness Reduction Act	Report to Panel	Grainne O'Rourke/Richard Knott
Approval of new Allocation Policy	To agree a new Housing Allocation policy	Report to Panel	Grainne O'Rourke / Richard Knott
HRA Report (new item)	To consider the annual report	Report to Panel	Kevin Green
	20 March 2019	•	•