



# TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 73/17

11 JUNE 2018

The purpose of this paper is to record developments since the last meeting not requiring an Agenda item at this meeting.

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**No. DETAILS**

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**1) ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN**

- a) The completed Annual Governance & Accountability Return was received by our external auditor PKF Littlejohn LLP on Thursday 17 June.
  - b) It has been displayed on the Noticeboard and posted to our web site as the law requires.
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**2) CONSULTATION OUTCOMES**

- a) The outcomes from the first stage of the conversation on the future of the town centre are now all available on our web site from a link provided on its home page
  - b) The information can also be reached directly by clicking [this link](#).
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**3) TALKING MENTAL HEALTH**

- a) A response to the current consultation on the Draft Blueprint for Mental Health Services titled *Talking Mental Health* was submitted to the Clinical Commissioning Group on 28 June.
  - b) An email acknowledgement of its receipt was provided on 29 June that also said the response had been circulated amongst the Children, Young People's, Mental Health, Learning Disability and Dementia Commissioning Team members.
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**4) WHEELERS BAY PROJECT**

- a) With the installation of an interpretation board, the project to provide a protected space for the rare Glanville Fritillary Butterfly at Wheelers Bay is now complete.
  - b) The project was fully funded by Natural England.
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**5) WORKING GROUPS**

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 19 June with an Agenda that included Boniface Fields, Spring Hill Gardens, the Bandstand, Grounds Maintenance, the old Bus Garage, Ventnor Central, Car Parks, the Dudley Road steps and the refurbishment of a bench in Bonchurch.
  - b) Its next meeting is booked for 10 July.
  - c) The Community Development Working Group met on 28 June to discuss Ventnor Day, the Skatepark, Allotments, setting up an Accessibility Forum and the Community-led Housing programme.
  - d) Its next meeting is in the diary for 24 July.
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**6) TWITTER ACCOUNT**

- a) I'm pleased to report that our Twitter Account continues to retain its just a touch over 300 followers and currently averages 301 impressions a day.
  - b) The audience is spread much wider than the Island with 91% being UK based and 89% English. Just under half is based on the South East Region with London's 19% being the highest participation outside that. It's Male/ Female split is 65/35.
  - c) For anyone interested in joining or accessing it, the address is @ventnorclerk.
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