



# TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 97/17

11 DECEMBER 2017

The purpose of this paper is to record developments in the past month not requiring an Agenda item at this meeting.

## No. DETAILS

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### 1) YOUTH SERVICE

- a) The recruitment process for our Youth Opportunities Officer post concluded successfully on Wednesday 22 November.
  - b) We had shortlisted three from the nine applications received and the selection Panel – the Mayor, Councillor Leigh Geddes and Tony McCarthy – unanimously agreed to appoint Matt Hitt to a 27 hour a week post of Youth Officer and Jordan Royle to 3-hour a week extension of her current sessional youth work post to take on the safeguarding responsibility for our work with children and young people.
  - c) Matt started work with us on Friday 1 December.
  - d) We're also pleased that the successful application his predecessor Lauren Fry developed for £1,680 funding from the Down to the Coast Fund provides for 12 outdoor activity sessions for local young people exploring the area's environment.
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### 2) SOUTH WIGHT PARISHES HEALTH & WELLBEING FORUM

- a) The latest of these 6-weekly meetings, chaired by the Mayor and led by Tony McCarthy, took place on Tuesday 14 November at Godshill Primary School when the guest speaker was Guy Eades of Healing Arts.
  - b) Tony McCarthy and I met with My Life a Full Life Programme Director Nicola Longson to discuss the progress of the Town Council-led project and the prospect for continued funding of it for another 12 months.
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### 3) TOWN & PARISH COUNCILS' SEMINAR

- a) On Monday 20 November the Mayor and I joined our counterparts from most of the other Island Town & Parish Councils at County Hall in the first of the Seminars the Leader of the Isle of Wight Council has organised to meet with us.
  - b) The three main presentations began with one from the Chief Officer of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner James Payne, continued with the Planning Leadership Team on the Isle of Wight Council's responsibility as the Local Planning Authority and the role of Town & Parish Councils within that and concluded with the Isle of Wight Council's Head of Place Wendy Perera outlining the PFI Contract and the relationship between Island Roads and the Council's Highways service.
  - c) The Leader had opened the Seminar with a short session on his Administration's aims for the Island's Growth, Regeneration, Opportunity and Wellbeing: a 30% increase in how satisfied people are with the Council, at least 700 new units of extra care facilities for elderly residents, all schools graded good or better by Ofsted, 5,000 more jobs on the Island and an 18% increase in the average gross weekly wage.
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### 4) LIBRARY STEERING GROUP

- a) The bi-monthly meeting of the joint VTC/IoWC/Friends Group met on Tuesday 28 November for an Agenda that included the usage statistics for the July – September quarter, an update on negotiations for the relocation of the Library to Ventnor Central, the work of the Friends' *Ventnor in Touch* Project and the Healthy Libraries Programme.
  - b) We also heard that the Friends' application for a £400 grant from the High Sheriff's Trust Fund to continue their work with children's activities at the Library had been successful and
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that cataloguing of Daphne Carter's amazing Ventnor photography collection is underway.

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**5) WORKING GROUPS**

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 21 November and 7 December.
  - b) The Community Development Working Group met on 21 November and its next is in the diary for 19 December.
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