

HART REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2021/2022

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES – June 2021

Outline of Organisation	Input from Representative	Benefit to Council	Comments
Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee			
Management of the canal facilities, upkeep and infrastructure throughout Surrey and Hampshire	(2) This organisation met twice in 2020/21 is still active and as a representative are part of decision-making process with voting rights. Meetings have been more restricted due to Covid-19 limitations.	Representation does strengthen partnerships with other riparian authorities, the two County Councils as well as Hart Parish Councils and commercial users. The canal is important both ecologically and as a leisure facility. Much of the work either carried out directly by the Canal Authority or by volunteer groups. The work is led by the two County Councils, but there is ample opportunity for input from member representatives who have equal voting rights at the meetings.	Recommend continuing.
Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee			
Consults local Councillors and residents on business development and operational management of Blackbushe airport.	(R) Normally meet half-yearly, in March and September. During Covid meetings were via Zoom, but face to face meetings are expected to restart in September. Councillor Quarterman attends both in his capacity as Hart reserve but also as chair of the Yateley, Darby Green and Frogmore Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The March 2021 meeting was attended by Councillor Quarterman, plus Councillors from Hampshire CC, Rushmoor BC, Sandhust and Blackwater Town Councils and Hartley Wintney Parish Council. There was no formal voting on any matters. The main part of the meeting is hearing reports from the airport manager and taking the opportunity to ask questions and scrutinise their performance.	The benefit to the Council is being informed on ongoing development and performance of the airport, which is a major employer in the District and also controls an important property asset.	Recommend continuing.

Blackbushe Metals Liaison Panel			
To check environmental issues.	(1) No meetings were held in 2020/21		
Blackwater Valley Advisory Committee for Public Transport			
Works with other local Councils to coordinate liaison with public transport providers in order to improve services and address other matters of interest and concern, such as climate change.	(1) The meeting normally meets quarterly, but one meeting was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore, there were three meetings this year. There have been three meetings. The Chair rotates around the participating Councils, and in the year 2020/21 it was Hart's turn to chair. Therefore, Cllr Quarterman chaired the meetings, and Cllr Oliver attended all three. This Committee is very active and strengthens the Council's partnerships, provides positive community leadership. Although there was no formal voting on any matters. The main part of the meeting is hearing reports from the service providers and taking the opportunity to ask questions and scrutinise their performance.	It is important that Hart attends and provides input so that we can work successfully in partnership with our neighbouring Councils. County Councils are also represented on this committee, and the Hampshire County Council representative is also a Hart District Councillor.	Recommend continuing.
Blackwater Valley Recreation and Countryside Management Committee			
This is a Partnership project between HCC, local authorities, and community organisations, working to maintain and improve the River Blackwater and the open greenspaces alongside.	(1) The committee meets once a year and remains active. We have voting rights at the AGM and are informed and consulted with as part of the decision-making process. Additionally, we receive a quarterly bulletin/update via email, which includes budgetary information along with works and activities that have taken place around the valley by both the rangers and the volunteers.	This is an example of partnership working at its best where both bodies benefit from the work that's carried out. The Northeast of the District has, for many years, benefited considerably from the work of the BVCP.	Recommend continuing.

Citizens Advice Hart			
<p>Citizens Advice Hart is an independent charity and part of the Citizens Advice network across England and Wales. People come to CAB with all sorts of issues including money, benefit, housing, or employment problems. CAB advisers will research client's issues and provide them with information about your options. This will allow clients to decide the path for them to take to resolve your issues.</p>	<p>(1) This organisation held 4 full formal board meetings this year. I attended none, but a meeting with CEO and board members has taken place during the year plus other regular meetings between management and Hart officers.</p> <p>The local CAB is undertaking a review of the most appropriate operating model in the post covid world which delivers the best value for money and reaches the greatest number of those needing to access their services.</p>	<p>Hart has a service level agreement with CAB which comes to an end this year. In the coming year we will be working closely with CAB to agree the best SLA for the future and contribute to how we can best support the emerging operating model that the CAB will be using.</p>	<p>Recommend continuing.</p>
Crookham Almshouse Charity			
<p>The charity "provides almshouse accommodation for poor persons of good character" who are inhabitants of the district of Hart, with preference for those residents in Crookham Village, Ewshot, Church Crookham, Pondtail, Courtmoor and Fleet West.</p>	<p>(1) The committee meet twice a year but as Chair of trustees I have regular, ad hoc contact with the Clerk and residents when issues arise.</p> <p>The Clerk, Chairman and Treasurer undertake the bulk of the day to day running of the Almshouses, relaying their decisions via email and at committee meetings. More significant decisions are made at committee. I have voting rights. I am involved in interviewing applicants when a unit becomes vacant.</p> <p>Representation on this body provides an important link with a well-established and long-standing local charity which offers a help in hand to vulnerable people in our community. It enables a group of local trustees and Hart officers to work together to provide much needed</p>	<p>On a personal level, it gives me the opportunity to be directly involved (for instance in interviewing applicants for vacant units) and to make a positive contribution to the running of the Almshouses. All our residents are vulnerable in some shape or form and it is hugely satisfying to be able to give them a roof over their head and security. They are all extremely grateful for the accommodation they have at the Almshouses.</p> <p>The last 12 months have been busy, as always for this charity, with the added twist of dealing with a pandemic. The clerk has been the single point of contact for the residents, keeping in regular touch by phone, reassuring them and communicating the latest government guidance. All the residents have remained well, with the exception of one, who works in a role which does expose him to other individuals. He has recovered nicely. The clerk has also worked with individuals who lost their jobs or were</p>	<p>Council input is positive and should be continued.</p>

	<p>housing in this part of the district, particularly as housing is so expensive here. The charity provides a link between the local authority and a little piece of history.</p>	<p>furloughed and had a difficult time with their Universal Credit payments.</p> <p>There has been little movement amongst residents over the past 12 months, with just two moving out after securing accommodation through the private sector.</p> <p>As soon as the first lockdown ended, garden furniture was bought for a newly created open space on site, so that residents could enjoy the outdoors and each other's company in a safe manner. Raised beds have been built and are tended to by residents. Fleet Lions and the Welfare Trust kindly donated parcels of food to all residents at Christmastime, which went down a storm.</p>	
District Councils' Network			
<p>Forum utilised to lobby central government and to disseminate emerging best practice.</p>	<p>(1) It met twice this year including the AGM and I have attended one meeting. This organisation remains active.</p>	<p>Our involvement ensures that our voice is heard and that our financial contribution is used wisely. The DCN has many officer working groups which both aid the member councils and offer opportunities to develop officer skills.</p>	<p>We should maintain our Representation.</p>
District Health and Wellbeing Forum			
<p>The council co-ordinates and facilitates a district health and wellbeing forum which brings together representatives of statutory bodies, local GP surgeries, charities, and community groups. In addition, the council supports a Hampshire wide health and wellbeing forum. The council also facilitates Ageing well and Starting Well groups with input from community groups across the District.</p>	<p>(1) This organisation has met once in person during the year plus virtual meetings and remains active. The council plays an important and key role in looking to improve health and wellbeing across the district.</p>	<p>In addition to the forum the council has a voice in the wider consultations on changes to the structure of health care provision.</p>	<p>Recommend continuing.</p>

Enterprise M3 Leaders Board			
The Leaders Board is the main forum for communication between the LEP and the local authorities within the LEPs boundary in Hampshire and Surrey.	(1) They have met 6 times this year and all 6 have been attend by either myself and/or a senior officer of HDC and remains active.	Our involvement ensures that our voice is heard. It also aids joint working on economic projects such as the Fleet Pedestrianisation trial and the purchase of the SANG at Bramshott.	We should maintain our Representation.
Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee (FACC)			
The FACC is a body designated to scrutinise the operation of Farnborough Aerodrome in respect to its impact on local residents and business community. It is made up in equal ratio of aviation stakeholders, public organisations and local authorities.	(1) It meets 3 times a year.	Aircraft movements in and out of Farnborough can have an impact on residents across a wide range of the district but by far it affects more those directly under the flight path in Ewshot and Church Crookham. This is an ideal forum to raise their concerns and to maintain a constructive dialogue with the airport operator. There is also an educational element to these meetings in that the committee invite industry experts to come and give presentations on noise, safety and airspace regulation. A new owner has recently taken over the aerodrome. It will be interesting to see if they are as open as TAG had been in recent years. Important for HDC to build a relationship with the new operator MacQuarie Infrastructure and Real Assets (MIRA).	Yes, but representatives should continue to be selected from wards which sit directly under the flight path.
Fleet Business Improvement District (BID)			
Formal BID funded by levy on businesses (within BID area) to promote and support Levy Payer activity. Constituted through BID legislation and formed through Referendum in 2016	(1) This organisation has held 12 board meetings this year and we have attended 10 of these virtually. Fully informed and consulted, with voting rights, and involved in developing action plans and events to promote and support the Fleet BID objectives.	To ensure co-ordination and advice on events and activities within the BID area. Key partnership for the Fleet business community. BID are open to ideas and advice from HDC, similarly HDC gain from understanding the issues and opportunities for partnership working with Fleet BID levy payers A stakeholder in any Regeneration scheme for the Fleet Town Centre. Voting Rights are from becoming a Director of the BID. HDC representative does not need to become	Recommend continuing.

		a Director of the BID to still attend Board meetings. Preparing for rebalot in 2022.	
Fleet Pond Society			
Works in partnership with HDC to maintain and improve Fleet Pond	No update received.		
Hampshire Partnership			
A County led forum whose agenda is set by HCC	(1) Meets quarterly but most have been cancelled due to covid and no business and no meetings attended the last year. This organisation isn't dormant yet.	Our involvement ensures that our voice is heard. The agenda for each meeting is uncertain and it is not unusual for a meeting to contain little of value to HDC.	I am ambivalent as to if we should maintain our Representation.
Hampshire Police and Crime Panel			
A forum to look into improving the safety on North Hampshire's roads. Promoting and encouraging road safety through campaigns and education.	(1) Only 2 meetings held this year and attended one. Still remains active. These meetings are informative and offer the opportunity to influence and lobby for specific programmes to be implemented in our district. It is useful to receive updates and reports from the various council members and a forum for discussion on national road safety statistics. Members of the council do have voting rights but rarely have the need to make decisions.	The Road Safety Council meetings are intended to help promote and raise awareness of countywide road safety education campaigns delivered by HCC, Hampshire Police and the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service. Meetings include officers from those organisations plus county and district members, together with other representatives, including representatives from cycling groups, driving organisations, pedestrians, and equestrians. We mainly receive updates on work done by HCC Road Safety, Hants Fire and Rescue and the Police.	Recommend continuing.
Hart Voluntary Action			
Hart Voluntary Action is a local charity which supports the voluntary and community sector in Hart District by offering one-to-one information and guidance, training, information updates, networking opportunities and volunteer recruitment. Its aim is to support voluntary and community organisations with	(1) This organisation has held 4 full formal board meetings and weekly review informal board meetings during lockdown. I have attended 2 full board meetings and numerous weekly informal meetings. HVA has played an invaluable role in the local community over the last 12 months	HVA has played an invaluable role in the local community over the last 12 months I attend board meetings as Hart DC representative. The relationship with HVA is a partnership with very regular contact between HDC officers and members of HVA. HVA have played an invaluable role during the pandemic in coordinating volunteers to support those shielding and supporting vaccination centres. This has taken place alongside the regular work programme.	Recommend continuing.

their capacity to deliver services and activities for the local community. HDC currently has 2 service agreements for the delivery of services in the district.			
Inclusion Hampshire			
Inclusion Hampshire specialise in offering mental health and well-being support to learners, as well as an academic and skill enhancing curriculum, tailored to meet young people's individual needs.	(1) This organisation has had 4 full formal board meetings this year, but we have not attended any due to no invite or details being provided of board meetings. This is likely to be due to the pressures of Covid pandemic. This is still active. Inclusion Hampshire provides an important service to some of the most vulnerable members of our community. The level of engagement between the council and the Inclusion Hampshire will be strengthened during 2021/2.	There are a number of organisations in the District that provide valuable services to those who are most disadvantaged where the council is not represented. Our representation will be reviewed during the current year to assess the particular value of formal representation.	Recommend continuing.
Local Government Association (HIOWLA)			
A Countrywide forum for discussing sector level issues.	(1) The Chair has a seat on the LGA executive. Meets 6 times a year but most have been cancelled due to covid and no business. Most meetings have been attended by either myself or a Chief Executive and remains active.	Our involvement ensures that our voice is heard. There are many working groups which are ancillary to this body and it is of vital importance to HDC.	Recommend continuing.
LGA General Assembly (Annual)			
The Confederation of Local Government. This is an umbrella organisation for Local Government in England.	(1) They hold an AGM every year during the annual Local Government Conference. As well as the AGM, I am on the Audit Committee, The Commercial Advisory Board as well as being a director of the two property companies and the Commercial Services Company. It remains active.	Our involvement ensures that our voice is heard. There are many working groups which are ancillary to this body and it is of vital importance to HDC. The association has an established relationship with central government.	Recommend continuing.

Military Covenant Group			
<p>Draws together local authorities (Hart, Rushmoor, Basingstoke & Deane) local (serving) military, NHS (Clinical Commissioning Groups) and local veterans organisations to promote welfare issues and provide a locally co-ordinated framework to support the delivery of the Armed Forces Covenant.</p>	<p>(1) This organisation held 4/5 all virtual meetings during the municipal year and all have had a HDC representation. It is very active and effective. As a coordination group there are no hard decisions, only agreement to take matters further within the council processes and extensive minutes are produced. Most input is based on sharing experiences, issues, initiatives and local activity within HDC. The members gain understanding from each other and receive briefings from the military teams to facilitate mitigating issues within the community.</p>	<p>Representation on the body ensures coordinated approaches across the local authorities, allows for risk/problem mitigation and reduction actions across those broader areas (as military personnel are spread across a range of sites and live at dispersed locations). The links to HDC services help to provide better outcomes for serving personnel <i>and veterans</i> in need.</p> <p>Representation on this body demonstrates the Council's commitment to the Hart Community Covenant which was signed in 2011. It enables a coordinated effort with partners, to encourage integration between military and civilian communities and ensure support is available for those with complex need related to military service and the armed forces community as a whole. Through representation on this body, HDC can help to influence issues which impact on those living and working in Hart (civilian and military). This was particularly important during the various lockdowns, not only for veteran's mental health, but also to ensure some ceremonial duties were safely accomplished – the Remembrance Day events being a prime example.</p> <p>Ideas and solutions for issues are shared along with good practice and information about projects and services available to support the local armed forces community. "heads-up" briefing enables HDC to prepare for future issues.</p> <p>The work is collaborative and hence inputs are a core part of the function.</p>	<p>Yes</p>

		<p>Much of the Cllr involvement has been through Cllr Dorn who has made point of close liaison with local Royal British Legion. Liz Glenn has worked tirelessly on this issue and should be thanked and appreciated.</p> <p>The team has looked at the impact of the Future Accommodation Model [FAM] (to enable serving personnel the opportunity to seek privately let accommodation) and how that might affect the local housing rental market. Work has continued in the Employer Recognition Scheme to enable Hart to be recognised as a Forces friendly employer (the Council achieved a Bronze Award from this national scheme and is working towards Silver). Meetings regularly consider issues associated with: Children and Education, Housing, Health & Wellbeing, Environment & Infrastructure, Veterans</p>	
North East Hampshire CPRE			
<p>The CPRE aims to 'enable people to recognise and enjoy the diverse natural environment by protecting exceptional countryside assets'. The NE Hants Planning group, mainly focused on the Winchfield and Hartley Wintney area, assesses the progress of planning related matters to potentially use its national profile to make representations on major proposals and appeals.</p>	<p>(1) There are monthly 'Planning' group (daytime) meetings which were cancelled during lockdown. There was one Zoom meeting in December. No meetings are currently scheduled and none this year. There has been no communication.</p>	<p>HDC rep is an observer with no voting rights. I am normally copied minutes. It gives an opportunity to understand perceived issues and clarify questions of a planning or policy nature, or to explain my understanding of the council's position.</p>	<p>Should be continued.</p>

North Hampshire Road Safety Council			
A forum to look into improving the safety on North Hampshire's roads. Promoting and encouraging road safety through campaigns and education.	No update received.		
Project Integra Strategy Board			
Partnership with all the local Councils in Hampshire, including HCC, to ensure a combined approach to waste disposal and recycling (marketing, education and innovation).	(1) This organisation has held 4 meetings which have been attended and remains active. Fully informed and consulted, with voting rights, and involved in developing strategies such as fly tipping, replacement/ refurbishment of MRFs and responding to Central Government consultations on waste strategy.	Sharing information on industry evolution permits us to innovate our service and agree strategies with partnering councils. Hart officers also help to develop key new strategies on recycling and education. Provides a forum for officers to share best practice. This is critical to services delivered to all residents and to delivering cost effective services - plus initiatives to reduce waste, increase recycling and reduce fly tipping. It is also an essential body to develop a Hampshire response to DEFRA's imminent new Environment Bill that will require major changes to current waste and recycling practices.	Recommend continuing.
Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership			
The Partnership oversees community safety issues across Hart, Rushmoor and Basingstoke.	No update received.		
South East England Councils (SEEC)			
This is the umbrella organisation for Local Government in the South East.	(1) Holds an AGM every year. All meetings were cancelled due to COVID but remains active. As a representative we are part of the decision making process and are consulted on decisions.	Our involvement ensures that our voice is heard. As well as the member involvement there is the opportunity for officers to network and access unique information sets.	Recommend continuing.

Thames Basin Heaths – Joint Strategic Partnership			
A body set up to advise on mitigation measures for protecting the SPA from the adverse effects of development. In particular regard to managing SANGS policy and monitoring the effectiveness of SANGS.	(1) This organisation has meets once or twice per year depending on need – it can meet more often if there are issues to be resolved. It also spins out a number of working groups to tackle particular issues. Hart have (throughout my involvement) been an active positive contributor to this body. There is also a parallel officer’s committee again in which Hart have made a major contribution. Not least because of the extensive SPA & SANG lands which we own and manage.	SANGS are vital to the effective delivery of housing in this district, without them all housing would need to be rammed into the southwestern corner of the district. SANGS also provide a wonderful in perpetuity resource of much needed public open space. Engagement in the TBH-JSPB is of strategic importance to Hart.	Yes – most definitely.
Thames Basin Heaths – Strategic Access			
Management and Monitoring Board - This is the body tasked with monitoring the use made by communities of SPA land which may have a deleterious effect on the ecology.	No update received.		
Vivid Housing Association			
Vivid Housing Association is a registered social landlord and developer of social housing in Hampshire and neighbouring counties. It currently manages over 32,000 homes and has plans to build a further 17,000 homes over the next 10 years. Hart Housing Association became part of Vivid some years ago and the councils previous housing stock is managed by Vivid.	(1) This organisation has held 4 full formal board meetings, but I have not attended these. Meetings with officers and senior management of Vivid did take place during the year. We have observer status at board meetings as a result of the historic relationship with Hart Housing Association. Involvement has been focussed on looking at ways of collaborative working within the District.	The Board meetings take place in Portsmouth on the last Thursday evening of a month and so clash with council meetings. It is useful to retain observer status into the future although the annual review meetings with senior management provide a good avenue of exploring ways of working together.	Recommend continuing.

The Vine Day Centre			
<p>The Vine Centre has been in existence since 1987 and developed from its humble beginnings as a soup kitchen to an organisation which now provides a broad range of services to the most disadvantaged members of our community (aged 18+). These services are delivered Monday to Friday addressing the immediate physical & mental health needs of clients, as well as their longer term needs.</p>	<p>(1) This organisation has held 4 full formal board meetings this year, but we have not attended any due to no invite or details being provided of board meetings. This is likely to be due to the pressures of Covid pandemic. This is still active The Vine provides an important service to some of the most vulnerable members of our community. The level of engagement between the council and the Vine will be strengthened during 2021/22.</p>	<p>There are a number of charities in the District that provide valuable services to those who are most disadvantaged where the council is not represented. Our representation will be reviewed during the current year to assess the particular value of formal representation.</p>	<p>Recommend continuing.</p>

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