

HART REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2021/2022

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES – April 22

Outline of Organisation	Input from Representative	Benefit to Council	Representative's view?
Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee			
Management of the canal facilities, upkeep and infrastructure throughout Surrey and Hampshire.	(1) Representatives are part of the decision-making process for the organisation and are informed of, and consulted on, decisions with voting rights. (2) The committee has representatives from District and County Councillors and receives report from and advises the owners of the canal (HCC and Surrey CC). The Basingstoke Canal Society is also a very active member of the JMC. Individual members of the JMC are consultees to the committee which advises the canal owners.	(1) 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. (2) Hart makes contributions to the canal maintenance and residents value the amenity of the canal and its designation as a SSSI.	Yes, continue.
Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee			
Consults local Councillors and residents on business development and operational management of Blackbushe airport.	(1) The meeting normally meets half-yearly, in March and September. During the Covid pandemic meetings were via Zoom, but face to face meetings restarted in September 2021. Councillor Quarterman attends both in his capacity as a Hart Councillor but also as chair of the Yateley, Darby Green and Frogmore Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The main part of the meeting is hearing reports from the airport manager and taking the opportunity to ask questions and scrutinise their performance.	(1) 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 controls an important property asset.	Recommended to continue

Blackbushe Metals Liaison Panel			
To check environmental issues.	(1) No meetings were held in 2020/21		Continue
Blackwater Valley Advisory Committee for Public Transport			
Works with other local Councils to coordinate liaison with public transport providers to improve services and address other matters of interest and concern, such as climate change.	Representatives are part of the decision-making process for the organisation and are informed of, and consulted on, decisions. 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 along with all public transport operators.	Continue.
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.			

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 (Citizens Advice Bureau) 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>			
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>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. 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 helping hand to vulnerable people in our community. It enables a group of local trustees, who are representatives from local parishes or co-opted, and Hart officers to work together to provide much needed housing in this part of the district, particularly as housing is so expensive here. Our Clerk is in regular contact with Hart housing officers and other staff concerning benefits. The charity provides a link between the local authority and a little piece of history. 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 form, and it is hugely satisfying to be able to give them a roof over their</p>	<p>Council input is positive and should be continued.</p>

		<p>head and security. They are all extremely grateful for the accommodation they have at the almshouses.</p> <p>The last 12 months have as been busy as always for this charity, dealing with the impact of a global pandemic for the second year. The clerk has been the single point of contact for the residents, keeping in regular touch by phone, reassuring them and helping where appropriate.</p> <p>Fleet Lions and the Welfare Trust kindly donated parcels of food to all residents at Christmastime, which were well received.</p> <p>As part of a continuous process of renewing and refurbishing, work has been undertaken in several the units.</p> <p>In anticipation of increased energy and food prices the clerk treasurer and chair met to discuss ways we could give financial assistance to our residents. We are fortunate that we can do this. We have only had one new resident in the past 12 months.</p>	
District Councils' Network			
Forum utilised to lobby central government and to disseminate emerging best practice.			
District Health and Wellbeing Forum			
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.			
Enterprise M3 Leader's Board			
The Leader's Board is the main forum for communication between the LEP and the local authorities within the LEPs boundary in Hampshire and Surrey.			
Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee (FACC)			
The FACC is a body designated to scrutinise the operation of Farnborough Aerodrome in respect to its impact on residents and business community. It is made up in equal ratio of aviation stakeholders, public organisations and local authorities.	It meets 3 times a year. Representatives are part of the decision-making process for the organisation and are informed of, and consulted on, decisions.	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. (1) This year I have chaired a sub-committee to review and update the constitution as well as being instrumental in opening up membership to an environmental group, namely Blackwater Valley Friends of the Earth. (2) Macquarie the Australian investment group have now been in charge for over a year, they are being as co-operative as TAG the previous owners.	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	Informed and consulted 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 HDC representative resigned as Director of BID (January 2022) due to conflict of interest concerns. No voting rights retained but HDC representative can still attend Board Meetings if invited. Re-ballot successful in March 2022 for new 5 year term.	Continue.
Fleet Pond Society			
Works in partnership with HDC (Hart District Council) to maintain and improve Fleet Pond			
Hampshire Partnership			
A County led forum whose agenda is set by HCC			
Hampshire Police and Crime Panel			
A forum to investigate improving the safety on North Hampshire's roads. Promoting and encouraging road safety through campaigns and education.			
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 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.			
Local Government Association (HLOWLA)			
A Countrywide forum for discussing sector level issues.			
LGA General Assembly (Annual)			
The Confederation of Local Government. This is an umbrella organisation for Local Government in England.			
Military Covenant Group			
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	Work has continued through the pandemic recovery, but interaction has been reduced. Meetings (All have had HDC representation) - 4, mostly run as virtual meetings during the municipal year and a summer drinks reception organised by	The Military Covenant is a nationally recognised role and is now enshrined in The Armed Forces Covenant is being enshrined in law in Summer 2022. Linking to HDC services through a proactive organisation ensures better outcomes for so many serving personnel in the district and our local veterans. By coordination HDC activities with the various specialist support groups risks are reduced	Yes – strongly recommended.

<p>framework to support the delivery of the Armed Forces Covenant.</p>	<p>outgoing British Legion Chairman in summer 2020. The Mil Cov training was attended by Cllr Dorn on behalf of Hart and extensive notes provide for Ms Glenn and Cllr Clarke. As a coordination group (across Hart and Rushmoor) there are no hard decisions, only agreement to take matters further within the council processes, 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>and problems mitigated for dispersed military personnel. Demonstrating commitment to the Military Covenant is a core activity to for Hart to demonstrate real commitment to an agreement signed in 2011. Integrated and positive action between military commands and District Council functions is key to better and more united action between civil and military communities. Such action is vital to provide broad support to the highly complex range of issues that face serving and veteran personnel. As we emerge from lock-down it is essential that we continue to support our veterans. Mental Health is a huge issue within the serving and veteran community and Hart needs to play its part. Representation at key events (Remembrance services and various British Legion events that are re-starting around the district) is essential to “fly the flag” and show that the District Council stands with those who server and have served. Tacit support is often extremely helpful to those who wish to avoid major events. The interaction with the various external bodies helps to ensure what Hart does is better focussed and more appropriate for such groups. The organisations are very welcoming of inputs; Ms Glenn and Cllr Dorn have been proactive in offering insight, ideas, and suggestions to the various organisations. Much of the Cllr involvement has been through Cllr Dorn who has made point of strengthening a close liaison with local Royal British Legion and their new local Chairman Simon Gornall. Liz Glenn has worked tirelessly on this issue and is very much appreciated; her replacement has year to be appointed but it is hoped will have a similar level of drive and commitment.</p>	
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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, 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>'Planning' group (daytime) FTF meetings finally resumed following lockdown. Online meetings were not popular. No meetings are currently scheduled. HDC rep is just an observer with no voting rights. I am normally copied minutes.</p>	<p>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>Yes continue</p>
North Hampshire Road Safety Council			
<p>A forum to investigate improving the safety on North Hampshire's roads. Promoting and encouraging road safety through campaigns and education.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Continue.</p>

	have voting rights but rarely have the need to make decisions.	mainly receive updates on work done by HCC Road Safety, Hants Fire and Rescue and the Police.	
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).	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 new Environment Bill that will require major changes to current waste and recycling practices.	
Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership			
The Partnership oversees community safety issues across Hart, Rushmoor and Basingstoke.			
South East England Councils (SEEC)			
This is the umbrella organisation for Local Government in the South East.			
Thames Basin Heaths – Joint Strategic Partnership			
A body set up to advise on mitigation measures for protecting the SPA (Special Protection Area) from the adverse effects of development. In particular, regard to managing SANGS	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	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

policy and monitoring the effectiveness of SANGS.	committee again in which Hart have made a major contribution. Not least because of the extensive SPA & SANG lands which we own and manage.		
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.			
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), (2) etc - Indicates first or second member's comments

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