

HART REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2023/2024

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES – April 24

Outline of Organisation	Input from Representative	Benefit to Council	Representative's view?
Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee Wildsmith and Southern			
Scrutiny of the canal management	Meeting reports have been given to immediate Council meetings and noted in agendas.	The Canal is an important leisure facility in Hart, enjoyed by many residents and it needs to be properly maintained to prevent breaches of the canal and flooding	Vital to do so. The management of the canal is being changed, as reported to the November Council meeting because of funding. Two councils have withdrawn all funding and two have reduced contributions considerably. The new arrangements will be announced in the new financial year.
Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee Crisp, Quarterman			
Consults local Councillors and residents on business development and operational management of Blackbushe airport.	Three meetings a year. The group rarely votes on decisions, but as a representative I am fully informed and consulted on all matters	(1) We can gain early sight of development proposals, influence outcomes, gain knowledge of the airport's business performance and influence them on matters of importance to the Council	Recommended to continue

Provide public visibility and accountability on Blackbushe Airport's performance and development		(for example, carbon reduction as part of our Climate Change action plan). (2) Attendance this year has been useful because of their current application to exchange land on Yateley Common to de-register some of the Common land on which the airport currently sits. at recent meetings has been low, with few of the Town and Parish Councils sending representatives.	
Blackbushe Metals Liaison Panel Crisp, Harward			
To check environmental issues.			
Blackwater Valley Advisory Committee for Public Transport Oliver, Woods			
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.	<p>Organisation provides details and advisory representation to members of local councils from Transport leaders (Stagecoach, SWTrains etc)</p> <p>How many times has this organisation met this year? 4</p> <p>How many meetings have been attended? 3</p> <p>Does this organisation appear dormant? No</p> <p>Informed/Consulted of decisions surrounding decisions to be made that impact the GP on transport issues.</p>	Representation at the body allows members to be informed on changes in local infrastructure, policies and services offered to the public in our district. Builds relationships which allows for feedback on public services to be voiced and taken into consideration	Yes, continue

Blackwater Valley Recreation and Countryside Management Committee Neighbour, Woods			
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.	Has met for the AGM but no meetings attended. Does not appear dormant. Have voting rights at the AGM only	We pay a subscription to the service and our engagement improves partnership working, our Countryside team regularly meet the BVCP team	As long as we pay a subscription we should continue
Citizens Advice Hart Bailey			
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.	How many times has this organisation met this year? 4 Board meetings How many meetings have been attended? 2 Does this organisation appear dormant? No We have observer status at board meetings with the opportunity to participate in discussions and debates. Our involvement is actively encouraged and we are kept informed and consulted on all key decisions	CAB are key partner of the council. They are based in our building and receive significant funding from the council to undertake their work. Our representation at board meetings strengthens our relationship and at a strategic level helps to have a wider understanding of the role CAB is playing in the community. As a key partner we have regular meetings at Officer level. We also receive regular updates on the progress of projects and the general work of CAB	Yes
Crookham Almshouse Charity Butler			
The charity "provides almshouse accommodation	The committee meet twice a year but as Chair of trustees I have regular, ad	Representation on this body provides an important link with a well-established and long-	Council input is positive and

<p>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>hoc contact with the Clerk, trustees and residents when issues arise.</p> <p>The Clerk, Chairman and Treasurer undertake the bulk of the day to day running of the Almshouses, making decisions via email, meeting in person for informal meetings. More significant decisions are made at trustee meetings, where I have voting rights. As Chair I sometimes make independent decisions. I am involved in interviewing applicants when a unit becomes vacant. I do 2 risk assessment walk arounds on site twice a year. I take part in an annual inspection of every unit once a year. I have recently been responsible for the commissioning someone to create branding for us and my husband (who is also a trustee) has built a website for the charity.</p>	<p>standing local charity which offers a help in hand to vulnerable people in our community.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The charity provides a link between the local authority and a little piece of history.</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. I am in the unusual position, for a Hart representative, of knowing every single one of the 16 residents. They are all extremely grateful for the accommodation they have at the almshouses. At Christmastime one resident wrote a letter to all the trustees, expressing his gratitude for having a safe home, with heating and hot water, so that he no longer suffers the embarrassment of explaining that he didn't have an address. His mental health has improved dramatically in the time he has been with us, too.</p>	<p>should be continued.</p>
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		<p>We continue to ensure that all residents are safe and that the buildings are in good state of repair. The Clerk is the single point of contact for them, keeping in regular touch by phone, reassuring them and helping out where appropriate. One resident with mental health problems is quite challenging.</p> <p>Fleet Lions and the Welfare Trust kindly donated parcels of food to all residents at Christmastime, which were well received.</p> <p>We took many of residents out for afternoon tea at West Green House last summer and plan a similar outing this coming summer.</p>	
District Health and Wellbeing Forum			
Bailey			
<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>			
District Councils Network			
Neighbour			

	<p>This organisation has met at the AGM and this was attended. The organisation does not appear dormant.</p> <p>We have voting rights on the AGM and receive reports on the DN Network</p>	<p>We pay a subscription to the service and receive regular updates on what the DCN executive are prioritising. They are an effective lobbyist of our needs with DLUHC.</p>	<p>As long as we pay a subscription we should continue.</p>
Enterprise M3 Leader's Board			
Neighbour			
<p>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.</p>	<p>How many times has this organisation met this year? 6</p> <p>How many meetings have been attended? All by myself or an officer</p> <p>Does this organisation appear dormant? It has now disbanded subject to winding up accounts in 24/25.</p> <p>Have voting rights at the JLB but most work is done by the LEP Board</p>	<p>Historically the LEP have been the means of seeking grant funding for various works in the field of Economic Development. We secured a £5 million interest free loan to acquire the Bramshot SANG.</p>	<p>The LEP has now ceased</p>
Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee (FACC)			
Radley, Dorn			
<p>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.</p>	<p>Hart Cllrs represent the interests of Hart residents on this committee and have voting rights (set under the FACC Constitution). Decisions are generally limited to comments on key issues alongside questions. Decisions are broadly consulted.</p> <p>Does representation on this body strengthen the Council's partnerships?</p>	<p>Hart has very successfully hosted these meetings (they tend to be 30+ people) and we hope to continue to include the public in the room as we go forward. Hart's IT systems were noted as being very effective and well run to deliver a hybrid meeting. The issues of protest groups remains a concern, but current risk management process appear effective in containing this.</p>	<p>Yes, Absolutely Hart must continue to be represented on this committee</p>

<p>FACC links the Farnborough Airport Limited (FAL) business with the wider, but local, community that are potentially affected by operations at the aerodrome.</p>	<p>Yes, it links Hart's views with other district and parish councils across the area affected by FAL operations, allowing a broader base for expression and hence stronger representations. Does it provide positive community leadership? Yes, the recent planning application by FAL was a good example of Hart providing community leadership through a definitive Motion to Council and subsequent submission of a coherent objection to Rushmoor planning. Many residents and parish councils picked up on this as a guide for their own comments. But the leadership from Hart was notably appreciated. Does the Council gain knowledge and experience from the body? Yes, the understanding of FAL's future plans, operational issues and future airspace changes are most helpful. The new Noise Sub-Committee will explore the noise issues in more detail. Can you make an input into the organisation's work? Yes, comments on many issues are sorted and provided (eg. the recent question on vexatious complainants). The interests and concerns of the residents of Hart are key to this process. The benefit of having a focussed meeting on airport effects, plans, expectations etc is extremely helpful</p>		
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	The leadership for the community is very positive and extends to the wider affected community in Rushmoor and beyond.		
Fleet Business Improvement District (BID)			
Davies			
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			
Fleet, Crondall and Welfare Trust			
Wright			
The Fleet, Crondall, and Crookham Welfare Trust is a charitable organization that aims to support individuals in need within the area of Fleet and the parishes of Crondall and Crookham Village in England			
Fleet Pond Society			
Wildsmith, Wright			
Works in partnership with HDC (Hart District Council) to maintain and improve Fleet Pond			
Hampshire Police and Crime Panel			
Oliver, Bailey			
A forum to investigate improving the safety on North Hampshire's roads.			

Promoting and encouraging road safety through campaigns and education.			
Hart Voluntary Action Bailey, Worlock			
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.	<p>How many times has this organisation met this year? 4 Board meetings</p> <p>How many meetings have been attended? 2</p> <p>Does this organisation appear dormant? No</p> <p>We have observer status at board meetings with the opportunity to participate in discussions and debates. Our involvement is actively encouraged and we are kept informed and consulted on all key decisions.</p>	<p>HVA are key partner of the council. They are based in our building and receive significant funding from the council to undertake their work. Our representation at board meetings strengthens our relationship and at a strategic level helps to have a wider understanding of the role HVA is playing in the community.</p> <p>As a key partner we have regular meetings at Officer level. We also receive regular updates on the progress of projects and the general work of HVA</p>	Yes
Local Government Association (HLOWLA) Neighbour, Oliver			
A Countrywide forum for discussing sector level issues.	<p>How many times has this organisation met this year? 4</p> <p>How many meetings have been attended? 1 by myself, 2 by officers</p>	HLOWLA is a useful organisation for discussion of Countywide local government issues.	Yes continue

	<p>Does this organisation appear dormant? No</p> <p>Have voting rights. Can ask for future agenda items.</p>		
LGA General Assembly (Annual)			
Neighbour			
<p>The Confederation of Local Government. This is an umbrella organisation for Local Government in England.</p>	<p>How many times has this organisation met this year? 1</p> <p>How many meetings have been attended? 1</p> <p>Does this organisation appear dormant? No</p> <p>Have voting rights.</p>	<p>The LGA acts as local governments lobbyist with DLUHC, they provide multiple avenues of training and facilitate Improvement within the sector.</p>	<p>Yes continue</p>
Military Covenant Group			
Dorn			
<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>As a coordination group there are no hard decisions, only agreement to take matters further within the council processes. Extensive minutes are produced.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Does representation on this body strengthen the Council's partnerships? Very much so, it 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 (especially "Here for Hart") help to provide better outcomes for serving personnel <i>and veterans</i> in need.</p> <p>provide positive community leadership? Yes, representation on this body demonstrates the Council's commitment to the Hart Military Covenant which was re-signed in 2023. It enables a coordinated effort with partners, to encourage</p>	<p>Yes – strongly recommended.</p>

	<p>mitigating issues within the community.</p>	<p>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 various associated bodies, HDC can help to influence issues which impact on those living and working in Hart (civilian and military). This is especially important for veteran's mental health, but also to ensure some ceremonial duties were safely accomplished – the Remembrance Day and Kings Coronation events being prime examples. does the Council gain knowledge and experience from the body? Yes, 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 enable HDC to prepare for future issues. Specific work has been undertaken to train HDC staff and make them more aware of the Military Covenant needs as an employer and for employees. can you make an input into the organisation's work? The work is collaborative and hence inputs are a core part of the function.</p> <p>Much of the Cllr involvement has been through Cllr Dorn who has made point of close liaison with local Royal British Legion. Di Murdoch has worked on this issue alongside other tasks (supported by Helen Vincent and Nikki Jenkins) and all should be thanked and appreciated. Di and Helen have been especially high profile at the Garrison Health events at Aldershot. We have worked to improve the links for veterans, families and serving personnel. Work has continued in the Employer Recognition Scheme to enable Hart to be recognised as a forces</p>	
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		friendly employer working towards Silver in 2024. Meetings regularly consider issues associated with: Children and Education, Housing, Health & Wellbeing, Environment & Infrastructure, Veterans	
North East Hampshire CPRE Clarke			
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.			
North Hampshire Road Safety Council Oliver, Butcher			
A forum to investigate improving the safety on North Hampshire's roads. Promoting and encouraging road safety through campaigns and education.			

Project Integra Strategy Board			
Quarterman, Neighbour			
Partnership with all the local Councils in Hampshire, including HCC, to ensure a combined approach to waste disposal and recycling (marketing, education, and innovation).			
Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership			
Oliver			
The Partnership oversees community safety issues across Hart, Rushmoor and Basingstoke.			
South East England Councils (SEEC)			
Neighbour, Radley			
This is the umbrella organisation for Local Government in the South East.	How many times has this organisation met this year? 2 How many meetings have been attended? 1 Does this organisation appear dormant? No Have voting rights.	SEEC acts as our Regional voice for local government. It does a great deal of advocacy for local government with parliamentarians.	We pay a subscription and should continue
Thames Basin Heaths – Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Project Board			
Southern, Radley			
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 policy and monitoring the effectiveness of SANGS.			
Thames Basin Heaths Joint Strategic Partnership Board Radley, Southern			
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. This body was originally set up to oversee the development of SANG policy and to monitor its effectiveness.	The organisation meets twice a year. It has unfortunately clashed with important face to face meetings in my own day job. I will therefore need to consider standing down, which saddens me as I am I think the last remaining member from when it was initiated. a year. Representatives are part of the decision-making process and informed and consulted on decisions.	The importance of these meetings has dwindled in recent years as SANG policy to protect the SPA is well established and widely understood. However, SANGS remain critically important for Hart and HDC should continue to be represented.	HDC should continue to be represented.
Vivid Housing Association Bailey			
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	How many times has this organisation met this year? 4 Board meetings How many meetings have been attended? 0 Does this organisation appear dormant? No	Vivid are a regional sized Housing Association. They are a merged entity which over time has merged with Sentinel Housing Association which in turn had merged with Hart Housing Association. As such it has responsibility for most of our legacy council house stock. They remain a key housing partner for the council. The terms of the council housing stock transfer guaranteed our board representation. As part of	Yes on the basis that if there was a strategic change of direction by Vivid it is useful to have

<p>Association became part of Vivid some years ago and the councils previous housing stock is managed by Vivid.</p>	<p>We have observer status at board meetings with limited opportunities to participate in discussions and debates.</p>	<p>Vivid this has become less meaningful. We only have sight of detailed agendas if we specifically ask for them and many items are held in confidential session where we would be excluded from the meeting. Most board meetings take place in Portsmouth and tend to conflict with the timing of full council meeting.</p> <p>As a key housing partner we have regular meetings at Officer level.</p>	<p>access at board level.</p>
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*(1), (2) etc - Indicates first or second member's comments
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