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Report to the Hadleigh Town Council 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018

Mr Mayor,

My belated congratulations on becoming Mayor. I am sure you will have a very interesting and productive year.

I am pleased to report that although it has been a busy month I have been attentive to the needs of my constituents and have attended various District Council meetings on their behalf.

#### HADLEIGH ACCESS POINT

The matter concerning the Hadleigh Access Point is still on-going. The Cabinet Member responsible for Access is considering either the library, the leisure centre or Town Council offices with a view to setting up a self-help access point for the public. If successful in Hadleigh, it will be rolled out to other locations in the District.

#### CORKS LANE

The consultation and information period concerning the former Babergh HQ site is now completed and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June the matter came to Full Council to approve the recommended option to regenerate the site as housing.

The next steps are:

Following approval from Cabinet, a full detailed planning application will be submitted for approval. This is expected to happen in August.

Section 106 Heads of terms Agreement (if any).

During the planning determination period (13 weeks) a detailed business case will be prepared and presented to Council for a decision to be made on the delivery approach to the site, in readiness for the planning determination.

The architects and consultants were present at the meeting. Following viewing visuals of a sample house design, which included a ground floor non-specific room, which could be used as a bedroom with a view to lifelong living, questions were asked about developing this idea further. They were asked whether the toilet could be made instead in to a wet room to facilitate life long use. This will be looked at by the architects. Viability experts were also questioned about their decisions for the site.

During the Council debate a Member asked what is happening to the flagpole that stands outside the former HQ? This flagpole was commissioned and paid for by Members. It has been informally agreed to offer it to Hadleigh Town Council if they wish to find a new location for it. Once Town Council Members have decided whether they wish to have the flagpole and flag, please let me know.

#### SKATEPARK

I joined an informal meeting called by Councillor Monks to consider the remedies to the youth drug and anti-social behaviour problems witnessed in the skatepark. Yesterday evening we attended PCC Tim Passmore's Question and Answer session (along with Cllr Fraser). Tim Passmore informed us that £20,000 has been given to the Porch Project from his fund for work specifically in Great Cornard, but funding can be made available for Hadleigh if we demonstrate need and how it will be used. Cllr Fraser has also offered some of his locality budget to the project. It is hoped that with the assistance of Gavin Talbot (particularly on applying for funding) and partnering with the Porch Project, we will be able to help deal with the current issues and proactively prevent the escalation of future anti-social behaviour.

#### PLANNING

You will be pleased to hear that Babergh has recruited five new planners to the Planning Department. Planners are particularly hard to recruit and retain currently due to market forces, and this has been recognised by Senior Leadership Team, so we are pleased to welcome them.

Yours sincerely,

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