

2025

A year in review



**Recognising the achievements made by
Havant Borough Council during 2025.**

Introduction



It is too easy to miss what you have achieved, when you are so focussed on achieving – this applies not just to us as individuals, but at an organisational level too.

With that in mind, I'm delighted to see this summary document celebrate not only what Havant Borough Council has achieved during the course of 2025, but also to better appreciate the businesses, communities and individuals who have benefitted from the council's endeavours.

Take a moment to appreciate the breadth of achievement – strategically, socially and economically – and see for yourself the relentless efforts made to support and develop our borough.

All made possible by having a rigorous, considered and long-term Corporate Strategy in place, I'm already looking forward to what we can achieve in the years to come.

Councillor Phil Munday - Leader of Havant Borough Council

Funds and funding

Agreed a balanced budget for 2025-26 despite considerable challenges within local government funding.



Distributed £200,000 of new funds to support apprenticeship training within local small and medium size enterprises.



Investing £236,000 in newly refurbished play areas across the borough.



Investing £50,000 in an outdoor basketball facility in Bartons Green.



Secured £72,400 to expand the Get Up and Go initiative, helping residents with physical and mental health conditions stay active.



New provision



Purchase of Market Parade in Havant town centre for temporary accommodation use.

Submitted a planning application for the replacement of Havant railway footbridge.

Submitted a planning application for the Langstone Coastal Defence Scheme.

CCTV system for Leigh Park town centre purchased and deployed.

Waterlooville street art delivered and public realm improvements engagement complete.

Invited both new and small businesses to bid for new funding through a Business Support Grant Scheme.

Completed the demolition of the Bulbeck Road car park and agreed a proposal for later living apartments to be built on the site.

Undertook preventative maintenance on the Langstone sea wall to maintain the footpath and protect Langstone Mill Pond.

Introduced new borough-wide recycling bins, expanding the range of household plastics that can be recycled.

Supported vulnerable residents in our community through an agreed Council Tax Support Scheme.

Strategies and policies



Committed to a new Active Wellbeing strategy to improve residents' health and provide locally focussed solutions that support health improvements.

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Published a Biodiversity Strategy, providing a framework for the council to help protect and enhance the borough's biodiversity.

Developed a Data Use and Analytics Strategy to improve decision making, deliver services better and communicate with the public.

Completed a Customer Access and Experience Strategy and brought the Customer Service function in-house, providing a better service for residents.

Interviewed 1,200 residents as part of a Residents' Survey, finding out what matters most to residents.

Committed to electric vehicle use for council services and installed publicly accessible charging infrastructure at the Public Service Plaza.

Took part in a Corporate Peer Challenge led by the Local Government Association to assess the council's priorities, leadership, governance and finances.

Other highlights

Delivering through partnership the Live Longer Better initiative to support older adults in finding ways to stay independent and live life to the full.



Maintaining the Gold Employers recognition scheme award for our work supporting the Armed Forces community, and the re-signing of the Armed Forces Covenant as a sign of our ongoing commitment.

Awarding over £35,000 to local good causes through maintaining the Havant Borough Community Lottery, providing welcome funds to meet local needs.



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