

Cross Cutting Targets Qtr 2 Update

1. Office Accommodation

Project brief:	To bringing people together in fewer larger buildings aims to improve communication and efficiency and reduce running costs.
Corporate Director:	Richard Homewood, Corporate Director Environment and Safety
Key service contributions	Projects Services, IT Services, Estates Service
Lead Member:	Cllr Beaver
Overview and Scrutiny:Resources	
2009/10 Target(s)	1.1 Transfer staff from Century House and Summerfields to accommodation in Aquila House. 1.2 Establish an off-site managed corporate archive facility.

Qtr 2 Update:

- § Refurbishment works to all floors of Aquila House are now complete and most staff have relocated to their planned locations. We are currently looking to identify space for Audit so they can vacate the Planning Interview and Meeting Rooms on the Upper Ground Floor. The Estates team will be relocating from Summerfields to Aquila House shortly.
- § Century House has been vacated, dilapidations work completed and the building handed back to the freeholder. The dilapidation work was completed for under £150,000 against a claim of £429,000 from the landlord.
- § Wellington Square offices have been cleared and were sold by negotiation for £1.05m after they failed to sell at auction.
- § Site remediation works, new fencing and security measures and a new office block are being installed at Bulverhythe Depot.
- § Work is underway on the refurbishment of the Corporate Archive on Castleham and these and the fitting out of the facility should be completed by the end of February.
- § Further work to optimise the use of space in Aquila House, Renaissance House and the Town Hall will continue as Smart Working practices are extended to other teams and as paper document storage requirements reduce further. Future options may include relocating staff to free up Bank Buildings for alternative uses.

6. Environment & Sustainability

Project brief:	To co-ordinate the actions being taken to reduce the Council's impact on the environment and our CO ₂ emissions and implement the Council's (currently draft) Environmental Strategy
Corporate Director:	Richard Homewood, Corporate Director Environment and Safety
Key service contributions	Resorts and Amenities Service, Policy Partnerships & Sustainability Service, Estates Service, Administration Officers
Lead Member:	Cllr Cooke
Overview and Scrutiny:Resources	
2009/10 Target(s)	6.1 Agree the HBC Environmental Strategy and action plan and implement 2009/10 actions 6.2 Centralise energy management arrangements and implement actions from building energy audits and set target for energy reduction.

Qtr 2 Update:

- The cross-cutting group will reconvene in Q3 to debate the contents of the draft Environmental Strategy.
- All qualifying buildings have had energy audits. Energy management arrangements are partially centralised (main buildings and outdoor facilities). Further work is needed on monitoring and adoption of energy reduction techniques.

7. Smart Working

Project brief:	To introduce new ways of working to help achieve objectives around reducing office space requirements, energy use and improved efficiency, which offers opportunities for most staff to change the way they work and improve or restore their work life balance.
Corporate Director:	Richard Homewood, Corporate Director Environment and Safety
Key service contributions	Information Technology Services and People and Organisational Development
Lead Member:	Cllr Beaver
Overview and Scrutiny:Resources	
2009/10 Target(s)	7.1 Increase significantly the numbers of staff working flexibly 1.2 Generate economies to contribute to the required 20% savings from stationery, printing and publications budgets across HBC.

Qtr 2 Update:

- § Further development of the remote and homeworking capability in the Environmental Health Team continues to demonstrate the potential benefits to the organisation and to staff. A further review of desk usage has identified further scope for reduce space requirements.
- § Two smart working workshops are planned for staff before the end of the year where an external speaker will share the platform with HBC staff and managers who have implemented home and mobile working. They will share their experiences from both a staff and management perspective and explore the benefits to both from introducing mobile and flexible working practices.

8. Stade Regeneration

Project Brief:	To co-ordinate all Council departments and partners to deliver a major cultural focus, including the Jerwood Gallery utilising physical improvement, culture programmes and support to the Fishing Industry.
Corporate Director:	Simon Hubbard, Corporate Director Regeneration and Planning
Key Service Contributions:	Projects, Finance, Legal, Economic Development, Estates, Resorts and Amenity Services Parking & Highways and Environmental Services as well as direct participation by partner organisations.
Lead Member:	Cllr Lock
Overview and Scrutiny:Services	
2009/10 Target(s):	8.1 Seek planning permission for the new culture and performance area on the Stade and (subject to approval) commence work on the site in the autumn of 2009. 8.2 Lead work with partners in bringing forward a proposed cultural programme for the Stade and a structure for its sustainable delivery.

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- § The Stade improvements have continued to provide the focus for much interest this period, with a legal challenge leading to the withdrawal of planning permission for the Jerwood Gallery, the quality open space, community education facilities and café in August. Planning applications have just been resubmitted (October) and will come before Planning Committee in December. Site clearance, unaffected by the legal challenge, is due to start in December, and if planning permission is received, and Charity Commission consent is given for the scheme to go ahead, construction work proper is still scheduled to start immediately after Easter 2010.
- § A not for profit organisation including local community representatives and stakeholder groups, and HVA, is being set up (constitution and form still to be agreed) to manage the community facilities and open space on the Stade. In parallel with this, a separate cultural group, represented by the Head of Regeneration & Community Services, is developing a bid for external funding for a proposed cultural programme.

9. Public Realm & Town Centres

Project Brief:	To co-ordinate improvements to the public realm chiefly in the town centres together with the Council's other contributions to support the economy, improve safety, and address the oncoming recession.
Corporate Director:	Simon Hubbard, Corporate Director Regeneration and Planning
Key Service Contributions:	Resort & Amenity Services, Projects, Economic Development, Estates, Planning, Parking & Highway Services as well as external partners.
Lead Member:	Cllr Finch
Overview and Scrutiny:Services 2009/10 Target(s):	9.1 Deliver the agreed programme of improvements to the Public Realm in the Town Centre and Queens Road, following consultation with Town Centre Management, Castle Ward Forum and business groups.

Qtr 2 Update:

- § During quarter 2, the Queens road repaving scheme has been completed, the new town centre bins have been installed and the Harold Place night-time toilets are nearing completion. We have consulted residents, agreed a design and ordered new streetlights in Wellington Square. Delivery will take place in December or January.
- § The design of Butler's Gap play features and railings has been accepted and the artist is overseeing the manufacturing process. The wayfinding signage project has been subject to delays but has now resumed. The planning application is under discussion for submission shortly.