

REPORT TO EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY

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COUNCIL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT

SUMMARY

Executive Scrutiny reviewed the Council Plan annual report on 19th September. This report provides, as requested by Executive Scrutiny, some additional contextual information behind five specific facts and figures included in the Council Plan infographic.

DETAIL

1. SIRF

	Number of attendees	Additional spend	Satisfaction (attendees that thought SIRF was 'Good or Very Good')
SIRF 2015	65,000	£739k	88%
SIRF 2016	65,000	£793k	92%
SIRF 2017	65,000	£788k	87%

2. Preston Hall

	Number of visitors
2014-15	172,714
2015-16 *	159,642
2016-17	209,000

* The reduction in attendance numbers during 2015 was attributed to poor weather during the summer.

3. Libraries

	Number of visits	Number of active borrowers
2014-15	1,137,164	25,734
2015-16	1,159,193	26,960
2016-17	1,190,365	24,858

Additional work has been commissioned to capture the type and nature of visits that will inform future plans for the library service.

4. Free School Meals

	Number eligible	Number taken up
January 2015	5316	4489 (84%)
January 2016	5557	4533 (82%)
January 2017	5278	4129 (78%)

Data Source:

- Department for Education – ‘Schools, Pupils and their Characteristics’ – Local Authority Tables

Notes:

- There is a universal FSM entitlement to all key stage 1 children (so there is no incentive for families to claim eligibility and therefore be counted in the eligibility statistics)
- Information in the table above represents a snapshot taken on January ‘census day’
- FSM eligibility is based on eligibility for other benefits

5. Planning Applications

	Major	Minor	Other	Total
2014-15	52	257	634	943
2015-16	50	205	581	836
2016-17	52	185	663	900

Officers determine the majority of planning applications under the Scheme of Delegation. Planning Committee would determine any applications under certain circumstances.

Definitions:

- Major
 - 10+ dwellings / over half a hectare / building(s) exceeds 1000m²
 - Office / light industrial - 1000+ m² / 1+ hectare
 - General industrial - 1000+ m² / 1+ hectare
 - Retail - 1000+ m² / 1+ hectare
 - Gypsy/traveller site - 10+ pitches
 - Site area exceeds 1 hectare
- Minor
 - 1-9 dwellings (unless floorspace exceeds 1000m² / under half a hectare)
 - Office / light industrial - up to 999 m² / under 1 hectare
 - General industrial - up to 999 m² / under 1 Hectare
 - Retail - up to 999 m² / under 1 hectare
 - Gypsy/traveller site - 0-9 pitches
- Other
 - Householder applications
 - Change of use (no operational development)
 - Adverts
 - Listed building extensions / alterations
 - Listed building demolition
 - Application for relevant demolition of an unlisted building within a Conservation Area
 - Certificates of Lawfulness (191 and 192)
 - Notifications

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